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No. 7—The Tale of How Sir Launcelot Slew Sir Agrivaine

IN THE season of Spring, when the sap runs, the branch blossoms, and the heart stirs, Sir Agrivaine bethought him to kill Sir Launcelot, to whom as it chanced he had taken a dislike. So he spoke to Sir Gawaine and several others in the corridor at Camelot, outside the King's chamber.

"Launcelot is bold," said he.
"You mean brave," said Gawaine.
"I mean Guinevere," said the other.
"Tell me nothing about it," said Gawaine.
"It's no concern of mine."
"I'm thinking of telling Arthur," said Agrivaine.

"You're likely to make trouble between him and Launcelot," said Gawaine, "and you'll be popular with neither of them. And it's the best Spring weather we've enjoyed for years," he added hastily, seeing the door open and King Arthur himself at the threshold.

"My lords," said he, "how many times have I asked you to make less noise?"
"Would you rather we kept on whispering?" said Agrivaine.

"Whispering what?"
"That Launcelot is your wife's boy friend."
"If this is true—" said the King, looking at it from all sides.

"It is," said Agrivaine.

"Then tell me nothing about it," said the King. "It concerns me only indirectly."

"It offends me if it doesn't you," said Agrivaine.

"You shouldn't go around spreading rumors," said Arthur, "not unless you have proof."

"My lord," said Agrivaine, "do you call me a liar?"

"Far from it, far from it," said Arthur, "but the evidence is weak."

"If we caught him and her making love," said Agrivaine, "would that be evidence?"

"The very best," said the King, "but it's too much to hope for."

7 TALES From King Arthur's Court

Told by John Erskine
Who Wrote "The Private Life
of Helen of Troy"
Paintings by Dulac

"Do you hunt tomorrow?" said Agrivaine.

"All day," said Arthur.

"Does Launcelot go with you?" said Agrivaine.

"No," the King looked bothered. "I believe he has another engagement."

"Take your cook with you," said Agrivaine.

"Why the cook?" said the King.

"It gives the impression you're dining in the woods," said Agrivaine. "You'll come home early, of course, and see what you see."

"I don't like your advice," said Arthur. "He's a dangerous man when provoked."

"I'll handle him with tact," said Agrivaine. In the morning Arthur rode on his hunt, hav-

ing told the Queen he would probably be out all night, and as the day wore to a close, Launcelot dressed with special care, and Sir Bors asked him why, and he said it was a dinner engagement he had almost forgotten.

"You'd better dine with me," said Bors.
"But I promised to go," said Launcelot.

"If you'll listen to a friend," said Bors, "you'll stay home now and then."

"It isn't like you to worry," said Launcelot.

"God bless you, since you won't be convinced," said Bors. "But come home early."

So Launcelot put on his best coat and took his sword under his arm, and stepped around to the Queen's room, and as soon as she recognized his knock she let him in and bolted the door again. Then were the two together, talking of this and that, and for a while they were undisturbed.

But at last Agrivaine with twelve of his men banged on the door.

"Shall I come in," said he, "or will you come out?"

"I'm not coming out tonight," said Guinevere. "I spoke to Launcelot," said Agrivaine.

"This is embarrassing," said Guinevere softly. "You don't happen to have a coat-of-mail or shield, do you?" whispered Launcelot.

"Do you think they'll kill you?"
"I'm wondering if your husband will burn

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GRANDMA'S CORSET

Goes To Sea

Back in the Gay Nineties Women Went In for the Wasp Waist, But It Never Occurred to the Fashion Designers of Those Days to Build an Ensemble With "Stays" on the Outside



This Closeup of the New Beach Outfit That's "Old Stuff," Shows How Tightly the Water-proof Corset Clings to the Wearer's Waist.

WHETHER the wasp waist will return to popularity is something that only the maids and matrons who have a potential interest in such modish shenanigans can—and will—decide. But if it doesn't, the fault will not be with the couturiers of Paris, with certain American arbiters of "la mode," or with the forces of publicity that play so important a part in the business of changing fashions.

Weeks ago the fashion magazines and the pattern books were bright with jackets and frocks that called for a "foundation" with the waist pinched in somewhat more decidedly than has been the custom in recent years. For many a modern woman these styles had a certain old-fashioned charm. They thought it might be nice to show the world that they had trim waists, and at the level that is normal for the feminine physique. Others were frank to say that they were going to wait and see how the vogue caught on before they rushed to the stores to get "stays" that looked a lot like those that were all the rage in Grandma's day.

The comeback of the corset was hallyhoosed with no end of publicity and the photographs on this page show what was perhaps the most imaginative attempt to impress on women—and the menfolk, too—that the oldtime corset with its hooks and laces is not, necessarily, a gadget that should be laid on the shelf as a relic of other days.

The ensemble, believe it or not, is a beach outfit, a get-up that is designed for the sun and the salt water. It burst

upon an interested and mildly startled populace on the sands of Miami, Florida. They never had seen anything quite like this outfit before, but they were used to impromptu fashion shows and managed to take the corseted young woman in their stride.

Young blokes allowed that the get-up was all to the good. They praised it for sort of bringing the boudoir right out into the open. Older heads who could remember the mores and manners of the Gay Nineties said, "What'll

they think of next?" and ventured the opinion that Grandma never could have been induced to wear her corset on the outside for all the world to see.

The pretty model who had the distinction of causing all this furor didn't say much of

The Pictures Above Show the Seaside Outfit That Glorifies Grandma's Corset. The Little "Stays" Are Completed by a Long, Transparent Cape and a Pair of Flaring Panties.

anything—she didn't have to. She was sloquent just standing and walking to and fro, and she seemed to be entirely comfortable in her little corset with wide-brimmed hat to match. Under the stays she wore a cute little suit with scalloped and flaring panties. The suit was light blue korosai silk with baby ribbon of burgundy marquisette running around the top of the bodice and around the legs of the abbreviated panties.

The corset was burgundy red, too, and glistened brightly in the sun. Grandma would have recognized the "stays" with their hooks down the front and their long laces behind. The thing was boned to accentuate the wasp-waist effect.

It may be that the creator of the outfit had an idea that it would catch on and bring an old-new note to watering places up and down the nation's two seacoasts and to the shores of hundreds of lakes scattered between. But there were those who guessed that the get-up—nice as it was—was more in the nature of a publicity venture intended to remind members of the gentler sex that the corset is coming back.

Back before the turn of the century when the boned and steel-boned corset was standard equipment for the womenfolk, most of the foundations were white. Some of the "stays" were a little on the ornate side and were fashioned of flowered fabric and, now and then, of some brightly colored cloth. But it was seldom that one of the figure moulders had the courage or the imagination to break out in glinting red, as the corset in the modern beach outfit did.

There were reports that the modern open-air adaptation of Grandma's corset has other innovations—that it was made of a translucent material that let the ultraviolet rays of sunshine penetrate it and bestow their healthful benefits on the wearer.

Also that it was practically waterproof and would not warp or sag if the incumbent tired of sitting in the sun and felt in the mood for a plunge into the surf. And, of course, the little blue outfit beneath the "stays" started out as a full-seamed bathing suit.

Some of the Miamians, and visitors, who were privileged to witness the debut of the corset beach ensemble, seemed to be of the opinion that the crimson garment that encircled the model's center section was all right when she was relaxing on the shore, but that she might well unhook before she went in for a dip, especially if she planned to go for any vigorous aquatic antics. They could see, however, that the corset did not hamper the hips, and that free swimming motion was possible.



These "Tootsies" Are All Dressed Up for a Yachting Party.

Where Husbands Never Do Any Housework



The Menfolk of the Candoble Cult, in Brazil, Don't go Into the Kitchen, But Their Wives Have All the Best of It.

isted that all the male priests quit the temples. The jungle suffragettes declared that since these temples were the homes of the mighty gods of the Candobles they should be tended only by women "housekeepers." The Sacred Mothers moved in, gathering a group of "Sacred Daughters" about themselves and tightening their grip on the community with ceremonial feasts.

The Macs de Santo are on good terms with the Brazilian Government because their rites are restrained and dignified and they encourage their men to work on plantations and keep the peace.

HUSBANDS who hate to dry the dishes will be interested in the Candoble cult of Central Brazil. Housework in any shape or form is strictly forbidden all male members of the group, and women diligently enforce the rule.

The reason they do is because the authority of the powerful priestess-queens who rule the destinies of 400,000 inhabitants of the vast jungles behind Bahia rest on this rule.

These "Macs de Santo" or "Sacred Mothers," edict power 150 years ago by firmly insisting that all housekeeping is women's work and women's alone.

That sounded logical to the heads of the house who saw no harm in agreeing to it with solemn vows. Then they discovered they had been tricked, for the women immediately in-

Art Takes A Toehold on Hollywood

MOST of the facts that sweep America originate among the great and near-great of Hollywood. The young women who enote and cavort on the screen take much of the credit for putting most of American girls into alackes, for the vogue of the tinted finger-nail and for numerous other fashion fables that did not come out of Paris.

Perhaps the newest and trickiest stunt promoted by the cinema crowd is the ornamental toe-nail—not just digits painted red and blue but toes emblazoned with the wearer's and with a great variety of imaginative pictures of this, that and the other object of one's interest and/or affection. As one of the photographs on this page shows, the fashion can be adapted to the yachting cruise, the beach party or even the country club dance. Perhaps in time the wearers may go so far as to have pictures of their boy friends on their big toe-nails.

Whether the fad will catch on among the maids and

matrons who are not as Hollywood-conscious as most remains to be seen. Many a fashion that started in high expectation in Hollywood has failed to click elsewhere. The style moguls of the cinema capital have sometimes discovered that what he or she believed would be just what the style doctor ordered was a prescription for quite another ailment.

However, the proportion of hits to misses is high among those who prescribe what the well-dressed actress will wear so that it is entirely possible that the new toe-nail art may catch on quickly and become as popular up and down the land as it is in Hollywood.

Not All the Ultra-modern Toes Are Decorated With Steering Wheels, Flags and Such. Some of Them Are Painted With the Initials of the Girl to Whom the Digits Belong.



The Artistic Toe Has Replaced the Tinted Toe Among Some of the Faddish Young Things of the Movie Colony Set.

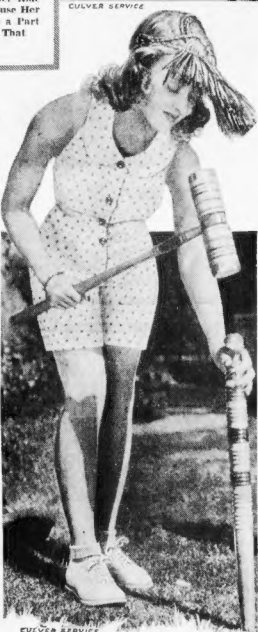


Hollywood's Dizzy "MARRY-Go-Round"



Jean Parker, Who Stopped Her Ride With George MacDonald Because Her Husband "Refused to Become a Part of Hollywood"—Whatever That May Be.

CULVER SERVICE



Bette Davis, Whose Husband Reversed Jean Parker's Complaint by Telling the Judge That Bette Was TOO Much a Part of Hollywood.

ing his mother. But she got away with it like a piano mover with six husky assistants. Now, reading a book cannot be construed as cruel and unusual. Nor tending to degrade and incriminate. It cannot be classified as mental torture except maybe to the person doing the reading. Yet, the Hollywood justice handed out that divorce in two wiggles of a hitch-hiker's thumb.

Nothing trivial seems too insignificant if you want a Hollywood divorce provided your lawyer dresses it up like a Colonel on a Governor's military staff. Joan Crawford gave the works to Franchot Tone because Franchot went in for sorcery and dances while Joan wanted to sit by the fireplace and spin. Now, you know that's funnier than the monkey that swallowed the porcupine. Joan is one of the best dressed ladies on the coast, never misses a world premiere and gets in more newswires and pictures than the Finns. An X will never mark the spot where you will find that homebody.

Ann (Oomph) Sheridan, Who Claims She Found Married Life Quite as Sleepy as She Looks Here, Because Her Husband Insisted Upon Reading Books Everywhere, All the Time.



But Joan's lawyer got up in court and said, "Your Honor, Cross Patch, lift the latch, sit by the fire and spin"—and Joan kept a face as straight as the shortest distance between two points.

Nobody knows whether Franchot was holding the book upside down or not. But we do know that never the twain shall meet because the twain jumped the track.

When the glamorous Fay Helm wanted to write her Declaration of Independence she must have looked for a gag writer who knew law. Let's take a quick gander at Fay's petition: "May it please your Honor be thought more of his stamp collection than he did of me."

It didn't please his Honor and Fay walked out of the courtroom as happy as a turtle with two shells.

What's happened to Justice? We know that Fay is beautiful. But, on the other wooden mitten, her husband may have had a terrific stamp collection.

Let's go back to Jean Parker even though George MacDonald may not. We will give you her exact wordage before Judge Ben Lindsey and permit you to do the judging. "Mentally, we were very much unsuited. His work, friends and activities were such that he had no patience for my activities. In other words, HE REFUSED TO BECOME PART OF HOLLYWOOD. AND IT GOT ON MY NERVES. He didn't want to live out here. He wanted me to give up my career. It got on her nerves. And in Hollywood that's as final as a cobra's bite."

Get on a star's temperamental nerve system and she will start singing, "That old ganglia of mine." The ganglia is the intricate network of nerves that brings temperament to a slow boil. But it is no more reason for a divorce than you have to get a munitions license to pop corn.

Once you get on a star's nerves you are a jinxed robot. Out you go in the morning, hot or cold.

Some of the ladies have real reasons. Constantine Wirth told the judge that her better half George Brent had a habit of not coming home at night. As a declaration of war that is equivalent to marching a million troops across the frontier of a neighboring nation.

Mr. Arthur ("Bugs") Baer Ponders Over the Trivial Reasons Motion Picture Stars Give for Falling Off the Matrimonial Carousel, Thus Changing the Old Axiom "Forever AND a Day" to "Forever OR a Day"



Another Betty—Grable This Time, Who Complained to the Court That Jackie Coogan Drove So Recklessly She Was Afraid to Ride With Him—Even on the Merry-Go-Round.

enraving of George Washington Crossing the Red Bank Delaware. That's art.

3. Is a reckless driver. That's one of those perennial ever blooming lackluster arguments that started in Hoover Wagon days and grew up with the country. It is not good for a divorce. It is not even good for a left turn.

6. Stays away from home all day and refuses explanations. It's all right to tell your wife where you have been—provided she doesn't catch you there.

7. Compares you too frequently with his former wife. You are coming to that one now. We would call that a legitimate squawk for both the goose and the gander. After all, there is a foundation for resenting insinuation on that one. For she followed it up with the statement that Jackie stayed out all day and wouldn't tell where he had been. No blue ribbon jury came up with the suggestion that Jackie might have been working. So Betty got that old marital diploma.

Let's look at some of the reasons for separation accumulated so far in the freshly dusted archives:

1. He refused to become a part of Hollywood. There's one that led the field at the quarter, the half and came down the home stretch like nail stoncs in a ranspout.

2. Insists on reading a book. We haven't heard that one since Hector was both ends of a frankfurter. But it worked. And that's all you can ask of a fountain pen or a brother-in-law.

3. Wants to earn the living for the family. That sentiment dates back to the Cave Days when Cro-Magnon Man dragged figure home to the cave where the Little Woman was sewing on little things and using a crossbar for a needle.

4. Looks more often and more lavishly at his stamp collection than he does at you. Well, dearie, if you are going to wear a greasy Mother Hubbard, permit your hands to straggle like sore-footed soldiers and smirk at him through a beauty mask made of thick mud, and talcum, we don't blame him for concentrating on a fine steel food made him conservative. Luise said Clifford insisted that there be only one career in the family and that he was going to pitch.

No lady with Luise's temperament would stand for that any longer than it would take a tongue-tied conductor to tell a knowledgeable passenger where to get off.

Now, there was an excuse that wouldn't jell in freezing weather. But, believe it or not, Luise was handed her divorce in collophane. And now Luise has a career. Clifford has a career and kind hearts are better far than coronets and simple faith than Norman blood. What would you think of a ball game where you didn't even have to tag first base?

We could go on and on and on with this thing and get deeper into the woods than a hog rooting up acorns. When Betty Grable slapped a plaster on Jackie Coogan she said that the star of "The Kid" drove so recklessly she was afraid to ride with him. There isn't a yard of maccadam in California that isn't policed like a Marine barracks. Even Betty must have had a twinge of rheumatic conscience on that one. For she followed it up with the statement that Jackie stayed out all day and wouldn't tell where he had been. No blue ribbon jury came up with the suggestion that Jackie might have been working. So Betty got that old marital diploma.

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Mr. Amster's Strange Love-Diary and His "Nuisance Cinderella"

Like a Fairy Tale Was That Scrapbook the Millionaire Made for His Chorus Girl Sweetheart, But Most of the Scraps Occurred in Its Explosive Courtroom Sequel

Pages From Mr. Amster's Love-Diary in Which Olga Appears as "Kiki," and He as "Jack."

- 1—Kiki at 16 Arrives in New York and Goes into a Dance Called "The Pied Piper."
- 2—"But Kiki Grows Tired of Dancing With Patsy (She's Supposed to Be in Paris Now) and Deliberates What to Do."
- 3—"A Mysterious Mr. Kiro Reads Her Palm and Advises Her to Go to America 'Where Her Lover and Great Stage Career Are Awaiting Her.'"
- 4—"In America She Meets an Idealized Mr. Amster ('Jack'), Who Makes a New Girl Out of Her. Complete With Golf Clubs."
- 5—"And So 'She Decided to Become a Good Little Sweetie and Make Jack Happy.'"
- 6—"And Finally: 'Coming Events Fore-cast Their Shadows.'—Which Meant, According to Olga, None Other Than Little Lee."

FAIRY TALES as a rule all end the same way: "And they lived happily ever after." But the fairy tale which Nathan L. Amster, the wealthy traction magnate, wrote, illustrated and presented to his chorus girl sweetheart, Olga Eide, as a souvenir of their love, was unusual from the start.

So, when it ended a little while ago, no one was surprised to find Prince Charming dead and Cinderella having a bitter dispute with her illegitimate son.

The document, which purported to be a half-serious, half-fanciful biography of Olga, was composed in passionate intervals between big-time mining and railroad deals, and was never intended by its author to reach the public. It never would have probably if it hadn't been for the 1929 stock market crash.

This event, rather like something in a bad fairy tale itself, precipitated a whole series of events: it caused Amster to cut down on his gratuities to Olga, who retaliated by making scenes in his office, which in turn caused the financier to drag her into criminal court on a charge of extortion, which caused Olga to take him into civil court for the purpose of rescuing a \$100,000 trust fund which he had set up two years previously for her and her six-year-old son, Lee.

In the ensuing legal circus, Olga asserted that her wealthy benefactor was also the father of her son. Amster, married and the father of two legitimate sons, denied this charge but admitted having set up the trust fund, claiming, at the same time, that she had violated one of its clauses, namely, that she should never molest him. According to him, her attempt to extort cash in excess of the amount stipulated in the trust agreement was molestation.

Anyhow, the fairy tale love-diary was introduced in evidence at the criminal trial by Olga's lawyer, James D. C. Murray, in order to show the kind of relationship which had existed between his client and Amster and also in the hope of proving that the latter had had a part in Little Lee's parentage.

Grimmer than Grimm, this product of a big businessman's repressed whimsy had cast-hardened courtroom attendants fluttering their eyes and sighing like Ferdinand, the Bull. The jury barely kept hold of itself sufficiently to bring in a verdict of guilty—with a recommendation of mercy—against the diary's winsome heroine. And then the judge, possibly on the theory that it would be a shame to send Cinderella to a bad, old prison, suspended sentence.

The outcome of the civil trial was even more satisfactory as far as Olga was concerned; this judge not only upheld her right to the trust fund but also highly commended her qualities as a mother. The only restraint placed on her by both courts was that she must not annoy anyone any more; if she should, she stood to forfeit her nest-egg and also go to jail.

So at this point it looked as though at least one of the chief characters in the fairy tale was going to live happily ever after.

A few days ago, time rubbed out this tentative ending and added another, with an O. Henry twist.

Last September, Mr. Amster, at the age of 70, was on the verge of another attempt to have the trust fund abrogated on the same grounds as before. He had received the following cryptic telegram from Olga:

"Your son Lee has now a West Point uniform. Do you want him to enter there, and so, let me know. I have not received my monthly money, \$500, why?"

After pondering this missive, Amster decided that it annoyed him, whether it made

Olga Eide, Mr. Amster's Cinderella, Who, Instead of a Pumpkin Coach Had a \$100,000 Nuisance Value.



He started out to have the trust fund done away with, but on the very day the matter was to be aired in court, he died.

For a little while the question of whether Olga was to go on enjoying the fruits of her youthful mystery hung in the balance. Then, in typical fairy tale fashion a fairy godmother appeared and waved her magic wand.

The apparition was none other than Mr. Amster's widow, who told the court in effect that she would rather have Olga go on being paid than to be left open to the chance of being bothered by her.

After this it appeared that nothing could disturb the security of Cinderella's magic pocket and on his lips words of criticism of his mother and of hope that he would be allowed to gratify a burning desire to attend the Miami Military Academy.

Abraham J. Halprin, who had been appointed special guardian for the boy, there-

upon told the court that Lee and his mother had "become hostile to each other," and obtained as the first move in freeing him from Olga's agon strangle an order for \$1,000 from the trust fund to enroll him, over his mother's objections, in the school of his choice.

Although this development does not jeopardize Olga's financial security, it must give her a slight feeling of vertigo to leaf through the yellowing pages of her lover's testament, bearing in mind the strange and unexpected turns the story has taken, ending now in the loss of her child, since Mr. Amster laid down his pen. In fact, it would give most people a slight feeling of vertigo just to look at the pages, without bearing anything in mind.

The volume, containing some 150 pages in all, was presented to Olga in 1921 in Paris, while she and her admirer were on a European love tour together.

Throughout the plot, if such it can be called, the names of Kiki and Jack figure prominently.

"In those dear, dead days beyond recall," lawyer Murray declared poetically at the criminal trial, "Mr. Amster always called her Kiki and she called him Jack."

On the title page is printed: "The Life, Achievements, and Adventures of Kiki Eide." The first few pages are dotted with draw-

Olga's Son, Lee, at the Age of Six, a "Eugenic Baby." According to Mr. Amster, But Her Child by "Jack." According to Olga.

ings of little girls in various cute postures, clipped from newspaper display ads. Underneath the figures and figurines appear in the following inscriptions:

"At 8 she did the Egg dance. At 8 the Hula-Hula. At 10 the Twinkle. At 13 the Minkeyha and the Bug dance."

There follows a fashion page sketch of a flapper (remember that word?), with the explanation:

"At 16 she came to New York, looking for work."

This, as it happens, is true enough. When both Olga and the twentieth century were in their teens, she came to New York with some experience as a dancer and dreams of a theatrical career. She jibbed vainly from agency to agency until, as she later testified, her shoes were entirely worn through.

At this point a kind woman friend, whose rather mysterious business it apparently was to introduce just such luckless girls to influential gentlemen, arranged a meeting between her and a man whose name she understood to be Jack Allen.

Possibly this unnamed lady friend was also a fairy godmother. In any case, Jack proved to be a sort of Jack-the-giant-killer hero who had landed in this country, a penniless Hungarian immigrant at the age of 15. Almost miraculously he had climbed to the financial potentate heavens where he fought victoriously with some of the biggest giants in the business.

Jack-the-giant-killer is alleged to have been so pleased with his Cinderella, that he immediately handed her as a token of his esteem \$40 and turned over to her the apartment in which they met.

Later, when she learned that his name was not Jack Allen, but Nathan L. Amster, which meant more in Wall Street, she did not hold that against him. If the Prince in the origi-

Nathan L. Amster, Wealthy Traction Magnate, Who Clipped Not Only Coupons But Also Pictures to Make a Scrapbook Fairy Tale.



mal Cinderella fable had turned up with a wife and two sons, that would have somewhat spoiled the yarn; in this case it wrecked any notion Olga may have had of marrying "Jack" but otherwise didn't seem to bother her much. Amster took her to Europe with him and around the country, pouring some \$70,000 into her hands, all of which disappeared as suddenly as if he had dropped it by mistake on the station platform of one of the railroads he owned.

In dealing with their meeting and the period immediately preceding it, the love diary takes a flight into cloud-cuckoo land, investing Olga with such none of a dancing career than she ever had.

According to it, Kiki, after her arrival in New York, meets the fabulous dancer Kavatsky, who burlesques: "You are wonderful! Will you travel the world with me as my dancing partner?"

So, with a photograph of a liner sailing down the bay, "she sails for Paris."

There follows a series of Parisian adventures that makes what happened to Alice in Wonderland seem realistic in comparison. Among other things, she meets one "Andrea Patsky," who "shows his aerial twist," the illustration depicting Mr. Patsky apparently trying to kick off the top of the Eiffel Tower.

"In Paris, Patsky and Kiki do the Feege Island hiee-yah" as well as "the Polish kazasty."

Illustrations of the La Vie Parisienne type accompany these adventures and also the following verses:

"As the Nymph the house went wild,
As Nobe she was no child,
But as Philomel you should hear the house yell,
As the spinning fate she was simply great."

Some further explanations and "art" drawings show Kiki doing the imitable head and knee dance, which none has done since the Grecian Matushka in 800 B. C., her meeting with one King Pazu, whose kingdom she declines to share, and a flirtation with a mysterious Archy, who is described as "the handsome boy from West Point."

Just about this time, however, little Kiki tires of her wonderful adventures and decides

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If It WAS Murder, It Was the PERFECT CRIME

In 1933, Agnes Tuferson, brilliant corporation lawyer, married Captain Ivan Poderjaj, known as "Ivan the Terrible," in New York City and vanished into thin air.

If it was murder, as the bride's four sisters believed and did everything in their power to prove, then it was the most nearly perfect of "perfect crimes" because detectives, working in three different countries, were unable to find a hair of the missing body, or any other evidence strong enough to indict the suspect. All they could do was to send Ivan up to Auburn Prison for five years for bigamy.

Some, including the four sisters, think Ivan Poderjaj, ex-captain in the Yugoslavian army, one of the toughest men in the world, but he looks and acts like a most unlikable one.

When he entered prison five years ago, there was a perjury charge awaiting him in New York City, while the police of London, Vienna and Belgrade wanted him for alleged swindling and bigamy. But the other day, when he was deported to his native Yugoslavia after serving his sentence, all those threats had vanished. New York decided to forget the perjury, and war-torn Europe couldn't be bothered with small matters.

In serving that one sentence, he incidentally mugged himself of everything else society had against him and yet he is hardly a lucky man.

"Ivan the Terrible" entered prison as "Ivan the Handsome," a dashing, magnetic figure, straight as a ramrod and with two flashing eyes, that proved irresistible to many women. He came out a stooping, aging figure, all the dash and swagger gone and, instead of those two almost-hypnotic eyes, just one, dull and despondent.

Puts had sentenced the man to punishments which no judge could have imposed for any crime. As a great lover, his career seems ended forever.

During Ivan's first year in prison, he retained the military swagger and confident manner. Also his prison department was perfect and on the strength of it the Parole Board was favorably considering his application for release.

But before this happened four determined women appeared before the board, giving its soft-hearted members such a "piece of their mind," that it was decided to let the convict serve out the sentence which the judge had originally thought fitted the crime.

They were the vanished bride's four sisters, whom Poderjaj calls the "Four Furies," and who had done everything they could to get him that sentence for bigamously marrying Agnes. And they had come before the Parole Board to see that justice was not defeated in the case that meant so much to them.

The news was a bitter disappointment to Ivan, who lost his sweet disposition when he found that it would do him no good. But its loss did him a deadly harm. In a fight with a



Captain Poderjaj—As He Looked When Brought Back to This Country to Face a Bigamy Charge—Robust, Debonair and Smiling Confidently.

fellow prisoner he lost his right eye. When the banage was removed and the once handsome man saw that empty socket, he went to pieces mentally and physically.

When he finally stepped out of the prison gates, two Federal agents took him in charge and little time was wasted in sending him back where he came from, as an undesirable alien.

In Vienna is said to be waiting for him one of his bigamous wives, still full of love. But what will happen to that love when she sees this broken and one-eyed wreck of the flaming Don Juan she used to know? Ivan appears pessimistic of that and everything else. Agnes Tuferson's life summed up to a dazzling success story that ended in tragic mystery because one thing was lacking to make her happiness complete.

Daughter of a Scandinavian laborer, she rose from a \$15-a-week office employee to secretary of U. S. Ambassador Myron T. Herrick, in Paris, after the World War. Studying nights she became a lawyer, specializing in utilities. At the time she met Poderjaj, Agnes was attorney for the Electric Bond and Share Co. of New York, at a salary of \$5,000 a year.

But success had exacted its price. Having devoted all her time to work and study, the attractive girl had neglected the little arts and hives, the long-winded telephone talks which seem so pointless to men but are part of the strategy that wins their hearts.

The brilliant woman found herself getting along in years, with the profoundest respect from every man who knew her, but no offers of marriage, at least from anyone she considered her mental equal.

Then came the dazzling Yugoslavian army captain, whose whirlwind wooing seemed like the answer to a maiden's prayer. A few months later, on December 4, 1933, they were married. She resigned from her position and from the New York County Lawyers' Association, explaining

that she would spend the rest of her life with her husband in England. What seemed more significant to her suspicious and disapproving sisters was that she withdrew \$22,000 from the bank.

The bride was last seen on December 20, after closing her apartment, she said, good-bye to her maid and with the gallant captain and her luggage headed for the docks and England. On January 20, 1934, one of the Tuferson sisters received a cablegram from England, which read:

"Arrived London. Cannot stand climate. Going to France and India. Agnes."

For a time the sisters did not worry. Then they became grieved that their favorite sister of whom they were so proud hadn't even sent them a picture postcard. In June, 1934, they became restless and asked the New York police to start a search.

Poderjaj was found in Vienna where he was living in comfort as a retired captain. With him was dark and lovely Susanne Ferrand, whom he had married the previous March. The police found one of Agnes' trunks and a briefcase stamped with her initials in the apartment. Susanne had had Agnes' elaborate trousseau remodeled to fit her. Marks resembling bloodstains were found on the trunk, but the police said the stains were no stain that they might have been made by a cut finger. Ivan, when questioned, explained to the police that he hadn't seen Agnes since December 20. As far as he knew, she was still alive.

"I married her," he said, "to save her from becoming an old maid. She was afraid of living alone and wanted a man to protect her. She was dependent about remaining a spinster. Before we were married I told her that I could not take her to England because I already had a wife living there."

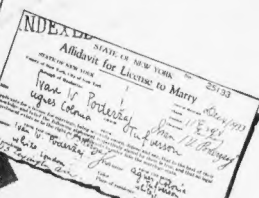
"Just before I left New York Agnes and I quarreled. I told her I was going to sail anyway and she could join me later. I admit that I sent that telegram to Agnes' sisters in Detroit. I wanted to give them the impression that nothing had happened to mar the happiness of Agnes' honeymoon."

Though much of Poderjaj's story was so fantastic as to be hard to believe, and the four sisters have never accepted a word of it, the police of Europe and America were not able to disprove any important statement he made about his bride's disappearance. While the Vienna authorities were holding the captain, Agnes' sisters built up what they thought was a case against him.

They were sure that her husband had



Freed From Prison and Deported, Bigamous Captain Poderjaj Is Still Suspected of Killing His Brilliant Wife, But Denies It, and the Police of Several Countries Are Glad to Be Rid of Him Because They Can't Find the Body—But He Claims He Will Prove She Is Alive



Evidence That Helped Send Poderjaj to Prison—His Perjured Affidavit for a License to Marry Unlucky Agnes.



Emaciated, One Eye Gone and a Bitter Smile on His Twisted Mouth, Ex-Convict Poderjaj, Under Guard in the Cabin of the Ship That Recently Deported Him to His Native Yugoslavia. He Is Waving His Last Sardonious Farewell.

murdered their sister in New York to get that \$22,000 taken her body on board the steamer in a trunk which he kept closely guarded in the stateroom until some night when he found opportunity to drop the remains overboard. But, though everything indicated that this might have happened there was no positive evidence that it did happen that way at all.

The New York police refused to charge him with murder, because there was no legal proof that the missing woman was dead. In desperation the sisters tried to have him brought back and locked up on some minor charge while their investigations continued and perhaps the body might be found. The captain had made some misstatements in his marriage license application which constituted perjury. The Vienna authorities, however, did not consider the charge grave enough to warrant extradition.

The women then appealed to Agnes' former employers who set their legal representatives in foreign countries to work on the case. They dug up many new facts which the captain did not deny when questioned, but there was still no evidence of murder. He now admitted not only that the New York marriage was bigamous but that it was not his first offense in that line.

His first wife was a blonde Serbian woman whom he married in 1926. Her name was Stefka Bradarich and they had an apartment together in Belgrade for a few months. Then her dashing husband decided he wanted to marry Miss Eili Hansen of Copenhagen, daughter of a general in the Danish army.

Poderjaj left his wife to marry Eili, and took along \$10,000 of her money to finance his second nuptials. According to Eili, the couple were married and lived happily for a couple of weeks until Ivan departed with Eili's dowry and her bank account. Eili filed a bigamy charge against her husband in Vienna where they were married. Should Ivan ever choose to visit that city, the police say they won't press the charge unless Eili asks them to. Eili says she won't, that she is still in love with him.

Stefka still lives in Belgrade where she

once filed a swindle charge against Ivan. But she divorced him in 1932, a few months before he married Agnes. She told the police that she no longer bore any grudge against her former husband, explaining that he was a charming fellow, unreliable, but with no criminal tendencies.

Poderjaj was also wanted in England for putting over some fake stock on two women for which they paid \$15,000. But the London police decided that they didn't want Poderjaj; he wasn't British.

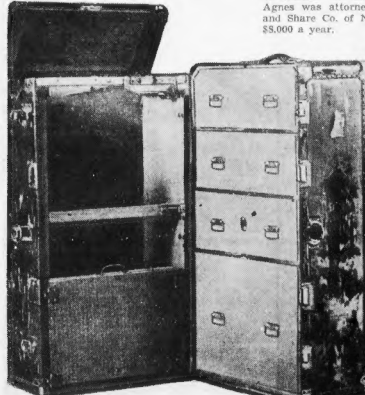
All these things finally convinced the Austrian authorities that the captain was not likely to add to the peace and prosperity of their capital so they decided to relinquish him to whatever country demanded him most vociferously—which was the United States.

Accordingly, "Ivan the Terrible" was shipped to New York, C. O. D., where he landed at the sight of his four implacable sisters-in-law, waiting on the pier to see that the police did their duty. The same "Four Furies" as he called them, faced him in court and may have been one of his reasons for pleading guilty to bigamy.

The captain is said to have sighed with relief at the judge's sentence, which he supposed would mean only two and a half years. In prison, he would be out of sight of those four pairs of relentless eyes. Just before immigration authorities put the marrying captain on the boat for deportation, he told them he was planning to re-marry Susanne Ferrand, whom he calls "my French wife." His marriage to her in London, prior to his wedding with Miss Tuferson in this country, is not considered legal in Yugoslavia, he explained—and that's the reason he wants to marry her properly now.

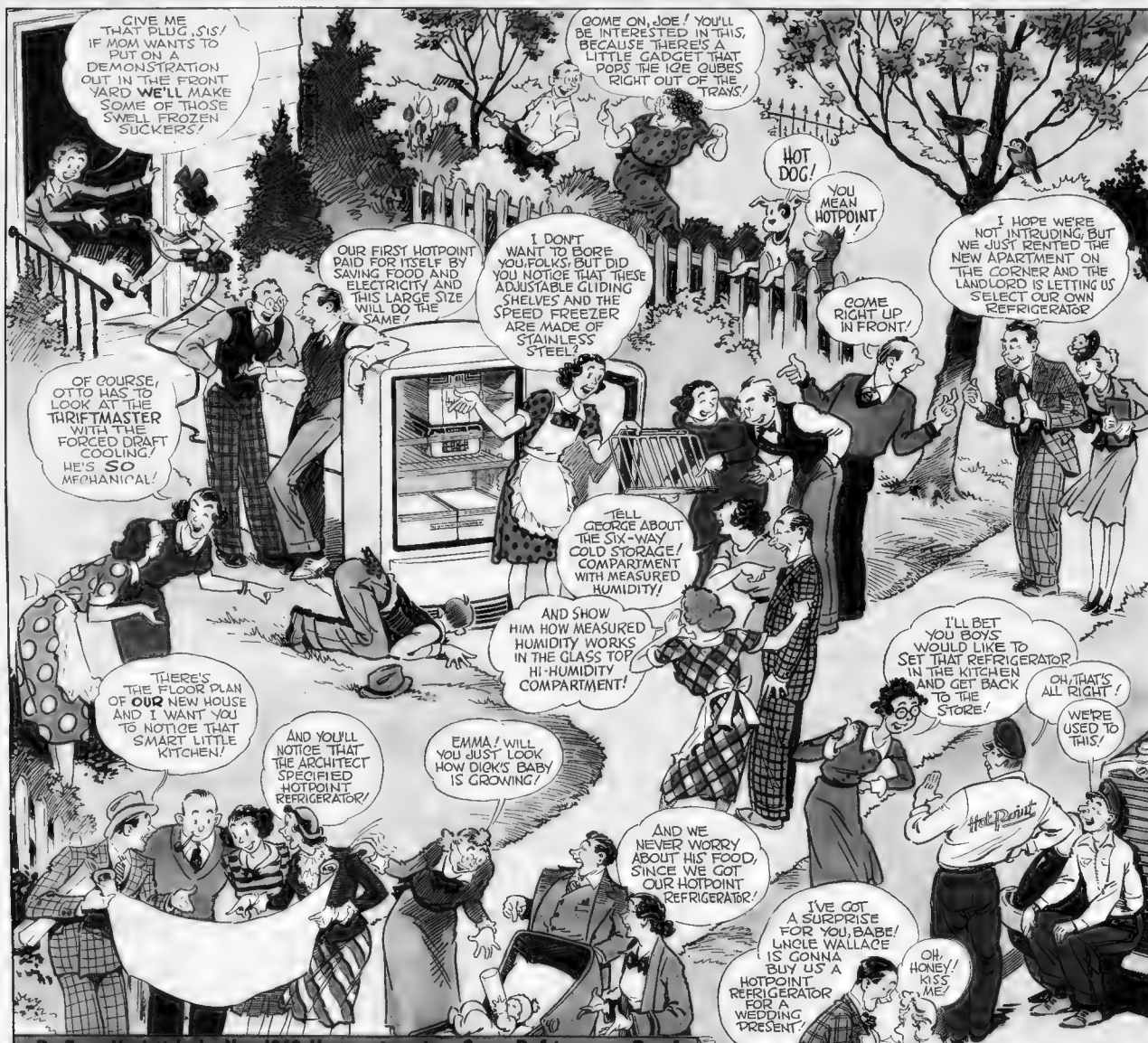
And then, no doubt, he will try to go in hiding so those four pairs of haunting eyes will no longer be directly upon him—eight eyes against one only.

Yet he knows that while they live and he lives, those four pairs will be watching every move he makes and waiting for something to turn up, perhaps a shred of clothing washed ashore, or a skull, with teeth that can be identified, found on some beach. But, if it is the "perfect crime" or no crime at all, their death watch will be in vain.



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Whacked Out the Head to the Wacky Throne of Sarawak

The White Rajah Who Rules Ex-Headhunters Finds It Easier Than Ruling His Family, and Has Just Booted Out His "Unfit" Nephew, and May Name to Succeed Him. Lady Inchcape, Best Behaved of His Three Lively Daughters, Whose Hearts Bate Their Heads

LONDON, March 7
SIR CHARLES VYNER BROOKE, Rajah of Sarawak, the only Englishman occupying an Oriental throne, has just decreed that his nephew, Anthony Brooke, hitherto known as Rajah Muda, or Crown Prince, is not fit to succeed him.

The real reason for superseding Anthony is said to be his marriage to Kathleen Hadden, an English girl, who is apparently regarded by Sir Charles as a "nobody," socially. Exactly why Miss Hadden is impossible as an Oriental queen is not yet fully explained. This is one of a series of romantic or extraordinary occurrences in the family of the Rajah of Sarawak. The ruler is descended from an adventurous Englishman of good family who won the throne by heroic and romantic deeds, and his successors have hitherto endeavored by their dignified bearing and vigorous methods to impress their daisy subjects with their divine right to rule over Sarawak.

His descendant, the present Rajah, has had difficulty in maintaining the family prestige. This seems to be because he has three daughters and no sons. They are all pretty.

The oldest daughter, who was christened Leonora, but is known in society as "Princess Gold," on account of her blond beauty, is the only one of the three sisters whose marriage pleased Sir Charles. She became the wife of Lord Inchcape, one of the most prominent ship owners in England. He derived his title from the Inchcape Rock, that celebrated headland off the east coast of Scotland, made famous in a poem by Southey.

Soon after that, however, the second daughter, christened Eliza, but known as "Princess Pearl," jilted her father by marrying Harry Roy, a very popular bandmaster, a "Prince of Jazz" in fact, highly esteemed in night clubs, but not by Sarawak Chiefs.

The white Rajah had barely become reconciled to this marriage, when his third daughter, christened Valerie, but known as "Princess Baba," married Bob Gregory, a British wrestler, and holder of the title "Light Heavyweight Champion of America." This title did not impress the Rajah, and he told the Princess Baba that she was no longer a Princess.

Now the Rajah's nephew has displeased him. His Highness exercises the right to appoint his successor, and ordinarily would have named his nearest male relative—his brother, Bertram Brooke. But Bertram is sixty-three years old, so the Rajah thought it advisable to name the brother's son, Anthony W. D. Brooke, as his successor.

After Anthony Brooke married Miss Hadden, the Rajah issued a decree in which he said among other things:

"It appears to us that our nephew is not yet fitted for the exercise of the responsibilities of his high office."

The decree deprived Anthony of all authority and powers which had previously been vested in him when he became Crown Prince last March.

Anthony is twenty-seven years old. He is said to be an unassuming young man, fond of amusements, and not at all the serious character needed in a man who is to rule over 443,000 coffee-colored people. It is possible that he may be restored to his position, but this is not likely as he will have lost dignity in the eyes of the Sarawak community.

His marriage with Miss Hadden was celebrated in Rangoon, British India, which is in the same general part of the world as Sarawak and consequently the prominent people of the latter state will doubtless hear all about the reasons for the Rajah's disapproval.

When Bertram Brooke learned that he was no longer Rajah Muda, he left Kuching, the capital of Sarawak, with his bride for England to take up war work.

Now the interesting suggestion is made that the Rajah's oldest daughter, the Countess of Inchcape, may be named to succeed to the throne. The suggestion comes from her mother, the Rane of Sarawak, who has been lecturing in the United States.

The Countess is a widow and has a son five years old, who would probably succeed to the throne eventually. The Countess appears to possess a gravity and dignity not belonging to her sisters or her cousin. Her pet name, "Princess Gold," suggests that

while she is beautiful, she has solid qualities which would weigh heavily with the natives. "Gold" is a thing for which they have the deepest respect.

"The Countess is a very lovely woman," said the Rane. "She has spent much time in Sarawak, and adores the natives. But what is most important, the natives worship her. It is a distinct possibility that the Rajah will name a daughter to succeed him."

"I received a letter a few days ago from the Rajah, expressing belief that Anthony was 'too young' and 'unsuitable' for the job."

It may be the Rajah felt Anthony could not hold the confidence of the natives. The three Rajahs that Sarawak has had in the last hundred years have all been tough, hard-fighting, awe-inspiring men. Anthony isn't like that.

He married the sister of a Government official. I don't like to be snobbish, but the natives are very particular about these things.

Without explaining how such Sarawak ideas were developed by the Sarawakians who are mostly descended from cannibals, the Rane added: "It was rather an unfortunate marriage."

But "Princess Gold's" marriage was far from unfortunate. The late Lord Inchcape was not only a great ship owner, but the head of a firm doing a great trade with Asia, so that he was well-known in Sarawak.

The Inchcape Rock, near Aberbrothock on the east coast of Scotland, was the cause of many shipwrecks in the Middle Ages.

The Abbot of Aberbrothock, a public-spirited ecclesiastic, placed a great bell on a raft near the rock, so that it would ring whenever the waves moved it, and give warning to sailors that they were in danger. The history of the bell was told in a stirring poem by Robert Southey, the poet laureate.

"The Abbot of Aberbrothock had placed that bell on the Inchcape Rock;

Dearest Leonora, Oldest and Best-Behaved Daughter of the Rajah, Who Will Probably Become Rane of Sarawak, Where the Ex-Headhunters Call Her "Princess Gold." Her Young Son Is Likely to Get the Throne Eventually.

Married a Band Leader—Princess Pearl, Another Daughter of the White Rajah, Who Managed Better Than Her Sister, Valerie, to Hold On to Her Royal Title.

Married a "Nobody"—Young Anthony Brooke, Nephew of the Rajah, Who Lost the Throne and the Rajah's Favor When He Married a Plain English Girl, Kathleen Hadden.

On a buoy in the storm it floated and swung And over the waves its warning rung. When the rock was hid by the surge's swell The mariners heard the warning bell. And then they knew the perilous rock. And blest the Abbot of Aberbrothock Sir Ralph the Rover was a terrible pirate

who grew rich by wrecking and plundering ships and by every kind of villainy. The bell intertwined with his trade, and he decided to remove it. He had himself rowed out to the rock and cut it away from the Inchcape float. Down sank the bell with a gurgling sound.

The bubbles rose and burst around. Quoth Sir Ralph: "The next who comes to the rock Won't bless the Abbot of Aberbrothock." The wicked Sir Ralph then sailed away to the East, where he enriched himself with the plunder of innumerable ships. He was a purgite of the old type who made every man on a captured ship walk the plank, and preserved only the good-looking female passengers. Few merchants were able to resist a well-aimed plate.

The sea was not well-patrolled by warships, and even some of these were in league with pirates as the history of Captain Kidd shows.

At last Sir Ralph sailed back to his native shores laden with plunder. He was chuckling as he thought how he would enjoy himself in bonnie Scotland. But when they came near the Deechape Rock a fog rose up.

There was no bell to warn them where the rock was. If they heeded it, they could have steered away to the East.

"They heard no sound; the swell is strong, Though the wind hath fallen, they drift along. Till the vessel strikes with a shivering shock."

Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, the White Rajah of Sarawak, Who Has Whacked His Young Nephew Right Out of His Royal Inheritance.

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"O Christ: It is the Inchcape Rock! The Rover, tore his hair. He cursed himself in his despair: The waves rush in on every side. The ship is sinking beneath the tide. But even in his dying fear One dreadful sound could the Rover hear. A sound as if with the Inchcape Head The devil below was ringing his knell."

Today a lightship protects the mariner from Inchcape Rock. One of Lord Inchcape's ancestors was a captain who had been captured by Sir Ralph the Rover, and forced to walk the plank.

His ancestry and rank made him a more distinguished figure than Harry Roy, the jazz band leader, who married Eliza, "Princess Pearl," second daughter of the white Rajah. While he may not have approved wholeheartedly of Eliza's choice, the Rajah didn't object very strongly.

The wedding was a noisy affair. A great crowd gathered in the street outside the church and sang one of the bridegroom's songs. Sometimes at a military wedding soldiers with drawn swords form a arch of steel under which the bride as a husband-crown pass. At the wedding players with their saxophones provided the rock.

The bystanders, howling "Sarawak!" cried the couple from the church to the car. After the wedding they played a 17-week engagement around England, singing jazz songs to Bandmaster Roy's saxophone saxophone. He is a big money-maker.

The Rajah received a greater shock when his youngest daughter, Valerie, "Princess Baba," became engaged to wrestler Bob Gregory. He forbade their marriage, and when it took place, she lost her title and allowance.

Gregory is a first-class man in his line and earns a large income. He even won the

title of "Light Heavyweight Champion of America," something no Englishman ever achieved before.

When he found how strongly opposed to him his father-in-law was, Bob offered to go into the wholesale liquor business which is a comparatively dignified occupation in England. "Princess Baba" asked father if this would not soften his heart, but he is reported to have said:

"No. I do not believe he will be a dignified wine and spirit merchant. Probably you will be known as 'Princess Baba au Rhum.'"

Bob Gregory went to settle in California, where his warring and talents were highly appreciated. Little things began to come between them.

"The trouble is a lot of promoters bill her

Married a Wrestler, Valerie, the Princess Baba, Who Gave Up Everything Including Her Income to Become Champion Bob Gregory's Wife—and Then She Had Trouble With Him. The Photograph Shows Her in an American Vise.

Little of "Light Heavyweight Champion of America," something no Englishman ever achieved before.

When he found how strongly opposed to him his father-in-law was, Bob offered to go into the wholesale liquor business which is a comparatively dignified occupation in England. "Princess Baba" asked father if this would not soften his heart, but he is reported to have said:

"No. I do not believe he will be a dignified wine and spirit merchant. Probably you will be known as 'Princess Baba au Rhum.'"

Bob Gregory went to settle in California, where his warring and talents were highly appreciated. Little things began to come between them.

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NEXT SUNDAY—MARCH 24—
Watch for Mrs. Caesar—by Wallace Irwin

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Oxford, is it? I'll Earl-of-Oxford you! By heaven, if you don't get off this place—"

A black man-servant who had aided Hunt, offered to show him the azalea garden, but the visitor was too fascinated by the sounds of conflict. As he turned the corner he saw an old man with a white beard and white hair and a face that was apple-red. He stood on the steps, shaking his fist at the two men he was hearing.

"But you remembered us, Colonel!" one of them pleaded. "We didn't mean the Earl of Oxford wrote all of Shakespeare's plays—maybe he just collaborated."

"Collaborated my eye!" shouted the Colonel furiously. "Don't try to deceive—I heard you. Get off my place!—here instant, or by heaven—"

"But business is business, Colonel—we've come to make you an offer."

"Throw your offers to the dogs! I'll have none of them. I'll have no truck with ignorant, uneducated back-biters such as you."

"But we're talking about money—fifty thousand dollars!"

"Get off my place!" cried the old man, in a tone that began in thunder and ended in a squeak. "I've told you I have nothing for sale."

"But you really have a First Folio, haven't you?"

For answer the old man glared and gurgled inarticulately, and then he stepped into the wide doorway and reappeared almost instantly with a shagreened book in his hands. "Now by heaven do you believe I mean what I say, you counterfeited covetous knaves—you detractors of a noble name—and I'll fill you full of brimstone!"

Mr. Daniels and Mr. Vantine evidently were convinced this time, for they retreated muttering. They sought at Hunt and he heard one of them say, "That damned fat rounder at the hotel—"

Hunt approached the emaciated Colonel with an extra-pleasant Good-morning, to which he almost added, "Mr. Bee."

"Well?" said the Colonel, glowing. "What do you want?"

"Only to see your azaleas, Colonel Warrington."

The old man waved an arm impatiently. "All right, all right, go look at 'em. Sam!" he bellowed. "Where are you, scoundrelly black-amo!"

It was Louis who appeared, instead of Sam. "I'll show the gentleman how to get to the garden, grandpa," she said, unsmilingly and very businesslike.

"Earl of Oxford," the old man moaned contemptuously. "The impudence of the blackguards!" He stamped off into the house muttering.

LOUIS led the way past the lawns and over a rustic bridge into the wooded plot where grew the azaleas, on bushes high enough to be able to see themselves a massed profusion of blossoms of an astonishing variety of color. But Hunt, while admiring the azaleas enough to give him excuse for listening, had found a major interest that was only figuratively floral. He thought Louis quite the loveliest feature of the landscape. He laughed with her over the discomfiture of Messrs. Daniels and Vantine. "I came within an ace of making the same unbecoming mistake. I was just about to say the Earl of Oxford, in my opinion wrote Shakespeare's plays."

"For goodness' sake, why?"

"That fat fiend at the hotel—he must have given those two chaps the same advice wanted to get us all in trouble."

Of course he did. It is the sixth or seventh time people have come out here and upset grandpa that way. Old Mr. Catesby puts them up to it just because he's jealous of anybody stopping anywhere else. It makes poor grandpa furious."

"Then he's not working on a book about the Earl of Oxford there?"

"Yes. But it's the Shakespeare aide he's taking. Shakespeare's a very life."

"Of course, I should have known that. He has quite a reputation as a commentator."

She plucked off a withered blossom and let it fall.

"And he has I have good reason for believing, one of the few First Folio volumes of Shakespeare's plays that are still in existence. I heard one of these men who were here offer him fifty thousand dollars for it. I want to buy it. I'll pay more than that."

Louis gasped. "Why—why grandpa hasn't told me that! Why, he's been terribly upset over money matters—why, we're almost—"

"She stunted. 'Oh, I shouldn't be telling you such things. I'm sorry.'"

"Help me," he said earnestly. "I'm not a dealer in first editions, or a professional buyer. I want the book myself. It is said to be a First Folio that came from the library of the Eighteenth Earl of Oxford."

"The one who was supposed to have written the plays?"

No. The son of that one. The Earl who wrote poetry died in 1640—the First Folio was printed in 1623. His son, the Eighteenth Earl, owned this copy."

"But what can I do?" she said helplessly.



"They've Got It—They've Stolen My Precious Folio," Gasp'd the Colonel, as Louis and Hunt Rushed to His Side.

If grandpa has something that valuable he's never told me about it. He'd be dreadfully angry if I hinted."

"Don't hint. Just persuade him to let me stay here, as a young guest."

"Well," with a gay glance. "I don't think anybody would mind that very much."

"You're kind to say that. The Colonel will let me see his book treasures, if I show an intelligent interest in them. Don't you think he will?"

Louis thought so. She left him in the azalea garden while she went to the house to persuade her grandfather that Liliput should shelter this stranger. She came back presently, pleased and smiling.

"You're to have the Henry Clay bedroom in the East wing," she announced, "and Sam is going down to the Inn to fetch your luggage."

"Bravo," he said, "and thank you—thank you very, very much."

When the servant came back with Hunt's bags, he took Louis aside to show her something. The Colonel was in his study behind locked doors which was a terse way of saying he was not to be disturbed.

"This," said Mr. Hunt, "is a precious old book, better than nine hundred pages thick and some nine by fourteen inches in size, 'is a First Folio'."

She gasped. "Where did you get it?"

"It's a very precious old book, better than nine hundred pages thick and some nine by fourteen inches in size, 'is a First Folio'."

"What I want to know," he said, "is whether it's a big book that looks like this."

Louis shook her head slowly. "I don't know. He has many big books. I've never disturbed things in his study. There's a wall safe in there that I've never looked into—so you see I really don't know."

"No. Well, I'll talk to the Colonel. Maybe he'll tell me about it."

He talked to the Colonel, though not at once about First Folio. It was the pleasant days entered a second week, he considered that he was making good progress in the library with the Colonel and in the azalea garden, when Louis was there.

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"Why—I have something, but I never had a real one—"

The old man was at a loss to think of a word to say. Then he said, with a sudden decision, "I'll show you my own man the finest First Folio in existence."

He glanced at the Colonel, who was partly-drawn shades—on his face he said with a shrug, "I know it's an old fool. I've had it for twenty years and nobody's bothered me."

He took from a bookshelf a small, tall, leather-bound volume, and behind them in the wall there appeared the face of an old-fashioned wall safe.

He moved the door open, and he took out a heavy leather-covered volume, whose stiff covers had defied the centuries. It was bound in calf like the fantastic which Hunt removed from the library table to make a place for it.

Here on the cover, said the old man, thrust in a whisper, "is stamped the seal of the original owner, the Eighteenth Earl of Oxford. But that name you know, and I'm going to tell you the story of it. It's the story of the Seventeenth Earl, who was a great scholar, and he was the one who collected the First Folio, and he was the one who was the first to publish it."

Certainly, said the Colonel, "I've seen it. It's the story of the Seventeenth Earl, who was a great scholar, and he was the one who collected the First Folio, and he was the one who was the first to publish it."

It has been a long time, said the old man, "but I've been thinking of it for many years. It's the story of the Seventeenth Earl, who was a great scholar, and he was the one who collected the First Folio, and he was the one who was the first to publish it."

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WHEN an adoring husband tells his charming and lovely bride, "Run around with your own age. Pick a beau or two if you feel like it. You're too sensible to get yourself in a mess," is he blindly throwing her into the arms of temptation?

John Taber, famous lawyer, the husband, didn't think so. His young wife, Margot, didn't think so.

BUT—there was Ruben Halloran, irresponsible, attractive, romantic, and there was Commodore Theodore Mills, scheming philanthropist and Taber's best friend.

What happened?

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An absorbing new story of love and passion. Set in gay country club and yacht club surroundings, it moves with gripping suspense through dramatic scenes of betrayal, suffering and sacrifice to a triumphant climax.

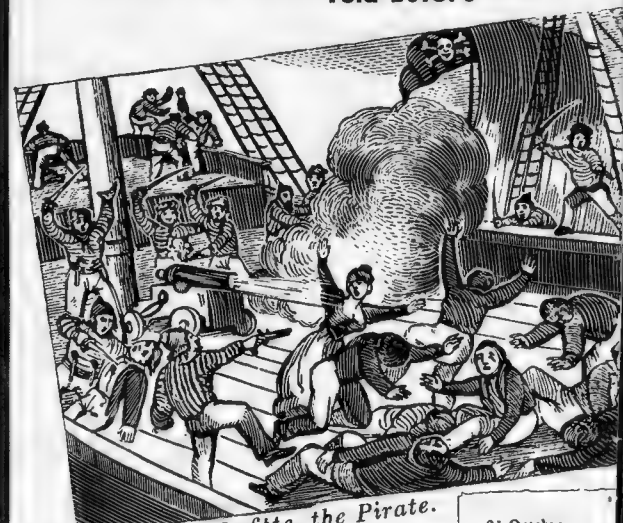
DON'T FAIL TO START THIS NEW SERIAL NEXT SUNDAY IN THE AMERICAN WEEKLY

Jean and Pierre Lafitte and Dominique Yon. Their Trusted Lieutenant, in the Calibdo, the New Orleans Jail. A Remarkable Portrait Study By an Artist of the Time. Named E. W. Jarvis. Jean, at Left, Dominique at Right, Pierre Behind.



On the Treasure Trail of the Wicked Old Pirates

Heave Ho! and Down to the Spanish Main
 plorer Wilkins to Join the Search for Pieces
 Bars of Gold, Sparkling Jewels and All
 Buried Booty of the Jolly Roger's Black Br
 —Tales of the World's Most Famous Buccaneers
 Told Before



Death of Lafitte, the Pirate.

THE AMERICAN WEEKLY offers today the ninth of a remarkable series of articles bringing out a number of little known and hitherto unpublished facts about the old pirates and their hidden treasures.

They are written by Harold T. Wilkins, English explorer, who is a world-famous authority on the subject, and who has spent a large part of his life in investigating and searching for the blood-stained but glamorous loot of the Gentlemen of the Jolly Roger.

Mr. Wilkins has his plans made for an expedition next year to seek unknown treasures of the best-known of all American pirates, Captain Kidd.

Where the dead man lies his staring eyes
 Look out to the Westward—ho!
 And none can tell where the dead men dwell
 With their treasures down below
 —Old Pirate Song.

By HAROLD T. WILKINS,
 Explorer and Treasure Seeker.

CHAPTER IX.

SOMEWHERE within the labyrinth of sinister waterways about the Mississippi delta or the mangrove lined inlets and bays of Barataria Bay lies hidden fabulous treasures in Spanish gold, precious jewels, heavy minted coins of the Cartagena Republic, stout British guineas and delicately stamped louis d'ors. There are carefully soldered coffers containing, wrapped in protective cloths, massy gold chalices, churchly vessels, priceless crystals and sets of silver plate from the tables of ancient colonial governors.

There is one great cache worth millions and there are many smaller ones, little stores of individual pirates, where rouleaux of doubloons, silver bars and scraps of jewelry lie hidden. Because within that territory operated one of the greatest organizations of privateering, piracy and smuggling known to history.

For years over a thousand men had their headquarters in the secret islands, and dozens of ships at a time rested, secure from the law, within the protecting shelter of Grande Terre and Grande Isle. Hundreds of prizes were brought there, unloaded and destroyed; their cargoes of slaves, spices, rich woods and treasure sold and the proceeds banked in New Orleans or hidden in the black swamps to wait for a discovery that will precipitate a gold rush such as Klondike never dreamed of.

This organization could not prevail except under one man whose clear, methodical brain might have led the world had it been put to better use. He was

Jean Lafitte, known as man-about-town, Governor of the would-be Mexican colony of Galvez-Town, smuggler, privateer and pirate.

Born at St. Malo, on the coast of Brittany, the famous old seaport cradle of many a blood-thirsty corsair, he went to sea at an early age, voyaging to Africa and the Indies. He joined privateers on the island of Mauritius and robbed several British ships and plundered their cargoes of slaves which he sold in the Seychelles. His fame grew when, with but a small crew, he captured, plundered and scuttled the Ragosa, a rich and well-armed Indian ship. He returned to St. Malo, outfitted the Constance brig with 26 guns and 250 men and cruised the coast of British India. Off Sands Head in 1805 he sighted the Queen, East Indian, carrying 40 guns and with a crew of over 400 men.

"How about it, mes braves?" he called to his men. "Are we strong enough to take yonder fat sea-fowl?"

Such was his mastery and coolness that the crew agreed enthusiastically.

"Good," he replied. "We'll run alongside; she's too high to rake our decks. Lie flat until our bowsprit tangles her rigging; then—you know what—board."

In eerie silence the slim black pirate slid towards the merchantman. Lafitte crouching on the after-deck spying through a half opened gun port saw the grim gray smokes of 20 cannon run out of the Queen's ports.

"Garde!" he yelled suddenly.

There was a terrific detonation as grape and solid shot crashed and whistled through the pirate's rattlines. He could hear the captain barking orders to his men and watched keenly as his high-billed bowsprit soared over the Indian's bulwarks and ripped into her well-tarred rigging.

"Grenades away!" he shouted.

His men leaped to their feet and bombs laden with scrap exploded in the packed ranks of Britishers. Blinded, wounded and terrified, they retreated aft and Lafitte, followed by 40 pirates armed with cutlasses and boarding-pikes, raced along the bowsprit and catheads to board their prey. The Queen's captain, a tall, bronzed, gray-haired man, stood his ground, firing carefully, until a pirate shot brought him dead on his quarterdeck. While the pirates engaged the rallying crew on the maindeck, Lafitte hastily loaded a poop cannon with grape and trained it the length of the ship.

"Garde!" he yelled again.

His men parted leaving the terrified sailors ganging in a compact mass in the stern. Lafitte crouched over the weapon, a smouldering length of rope in his hand. The British eyed the wide muzzle

from which dripped fragments of chain, stones and glass, enough to rip them all to bloody shreds.

"Surrender or I fire!" challenged the pirate.

They surrendered.

Some reports say that Lafitte plundered the ship then turned her back to her crew. Others report that he burned the great vessel and sailed away with the dying screams of over 300 men shrilling in his ears.

However, this exploit earned for him a reputation for blood-curdling ferocity and thereafter British vessels were strongly convoyed across the Indian Ocean. Lafitte rounded the Cape of Good Hope and raided the fat slavers of the West African Coast. He took dozens of prizes and sailed for St. Malo with their cargoes of gold dust, palm oil and slaves. But the game was getting too hot; fast frigates were guarding the passage from Sierra Leone to the Channel and he couldn't get his prizes home. He outfitted again and sailed for Guadeloupe where, under French letters of marque, he took many prizes, gradually piling up immense quantities of marketable treasure. But when the British took the island he had to run. He was next heard of in the Republic of Cartagena, a colony in revolt against Spain.

It was an easy matter to obtain letters of marque against Spanish ships and Lafitte harried the Gulf of Mexico with great enthusiasm. But the disposal of prizes was too delayed for his restless spirit. They had to be taken to Cartagena for condemnation, and the Republic was not a good market for their cargoes. Something had to be done.

The Gulf of Mexico was an ideal hunting ground for privateers in the beginning of the nineteenth century. France, England and Spain all had colonies in the West Indies, the Caribbean and the Americas. Mexico exported tons of silver; the islands gave spices, coffee, cotton, sugar and rum; fabulous sums of gold were to be had from the Spanish holdings on the South American coast.

Lafitte had no time to have his prizes condemned in Cartagena, then hawk the cargoes all over the Gulf before he could sell, refit and start for more plunder. But there was a city, the richest in the Gulf: New Orleans. Residents of Louisiana during the years of Spanish domination before 1800 had objected strongly to the stringent Spanish Customs laws; and even after the territory came under the United States, smuggling was still considered a popular sport rather than a criminal offense.

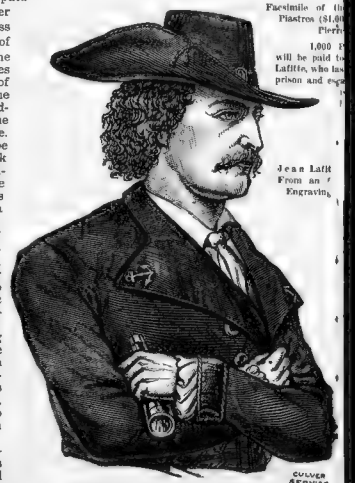
One morning in 1807 two men stepped off a sail-

There Are Two Stories of Jean Lafitte's Death —One That He Was Killed On Board His Boat, the Other That He Died On an Island. This Old Print Gives the Boat Version.

31 Octobre —

1000 piastres
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Facsimile of the Piastres (\$1.00) which he paid to Lafitte, who had been taken to prison and executed.



Jean Lafitte From an Engraving.

ing ship on to the levee at New Orleans. One was bulky, light haired and cross-eyed, a quiet, observant person who gave his name as Pierre Lafitte. Accompanying him was a younger man, slim, dark-haired and elegant, who announced himself as Jean's brother of his companion. They took a house on the corner of Bourbon and Saint Philip Streets and shortly afterwards opened a blacksmith shop. The

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Thomas Beale,
Régister.

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Pierre Lafitte est de
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croix.

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Reward for the Arrest of
Lafitte. It Reads:

FRANÇOIS REWARD
whoever shall arrest Pierre
Lafitte, he shall receive a
reward of 1,000 francs.
The said Pierre Lafitte
is 5 feet 10 inches high, strong
built, has a fair complexion
and is a little cross-eyed.

depressions in its stone stop. They slipped as the
drips and talked with ship masters and plantation
owners from the rich cotton country up the
Mississippi.

Sometimes they were absent for days from
their usual haunts, but no one asked questions. In
New Orleans there were many secretive characters:
refugees from the Napoleonic wars, filibusters from
the Gulf, Spanish secret agents, French spies and
quick-eyed Americans from the unknown country
to the northwest.

In January 1808 a law was passed by Congress
forbidding the importation of slaves into the United
States. Up to this time the price of a good, healthy
Guinea boy had been a few hundred dollars. A
Negro could be purchased on the African coast for
\$20. The price in Cuba, where the traffic was now
diverted, was \$300. But in Louisiana, where hun-
dreds of slaves were needed for cotton and sugar
plantations the price rose as high as \$1,000. So
slave smuggling became one of the most lucrative
professions.

The blacksmith shop on Saint Philip Street was
a splendid blind. Slaves with a knowledge of forg-
ing were worth much more than field hands, so
they were apprenticed to the trade in the Lafitte
shop and to it came plantation owners to examine
their sleek-muscled purchases and see for them-
selves that they knew their jobs.

Up to this time Lafitte had held Cartagenaian
letters of marque, but he preferred the land to the
heaving decks of a ship, and decided to act as agent
for privateers.

The brothers' house became the meeting place
of wealthy merchants. Fine silver and linens
decorated the hospitable tables. Smuggled milk,



General Jackson at the Battle of New Orleans—the Repulse of England's Veterans
by Jackson's Barboursmen. From a Painting by the American Artist, D. M. Car-
ter. In This Battle Jackson Was Assisted by the Lafitte Brothers.



A Woodcut of 1814 Purporting to Show Governor Claiborne of Louisiana (At
Left) Flooding With General Jackson (At Right) to Accept the Services of the
Lafittes in the Defense of New Orleans Against the British.

two were not talkative
about their affairs. They
patronized the Absinthe
Bar, standing at its
counter where water
taps, dripping incess-
antly, had worn shallow

furnishings, and exotic curios decorated the home,
which was also the saleroom. Jean Lafitte, polished,
courtous, witty, entertained regally, and there was
always Adelaide Maselari, a tall, handsome
girl, who ministered deftly to the guests, seeing
that their glasses were never empty, their cigars
fresh.

Stealing into New Orleans, privateers from the
Gulf noted and envied the Lafitte establishment.
They needed an agent for their plunder disposal,
a man with influence, one who knew all the higher-
ups. They wanted to bring their plunder to New
Orleans and they needed a man to guide them.
Lafitte was chosen.

He had a magnificent idea. Why trouble to
take the prizes back to Cartagena? Why not estab-
lish a haven near New Orleans? Then the prizes
could be scuttled and the cargoes sold without
waste of time.

The Louisiana coast is a maze of inlets, bays,
bayous and waterways. Boats could travel for
many miles inland through twining canals hidden
among cypresses and lofty canebrakes. The secret
waterways, infested by alligators, deadly serpents
and venomous insects were death for those who did
not know them. But Lafitte found fishermen who
could mark passages and establish hideouts.

Barataria Bay was chosen for the privateers'
harbor. It is hidden from the Gulf by two islands:
Grande Terre and Grande Isle. Each is six miles
long and a mile across, separated by a channel wide
and deep enough for the passage of ocean vessels.
The Bay is about 18 miles long and from its north-
ern end dozens of creeks lead into the slithering
and deadly swamps. Blackbeard had used the Bay
as a hiding place in 1718.

Grande Terre was chosen as headquarters. Its
trees concealed vessels in the Bay from the Gulf.
It protected them from Gulf hurricanes and was
populated only by a few fishermen.

The colony grew swiftly in size and desperation.
The scum of jails, adventurers hiding from the law,
harpies and bangers on seeking quick money made

it their lair. There were fights, brawls, robberies
and murder. Jean Lafitte in his elegant drawing-
room in New Orleans pondered the matter.

"There is too much waste without proper organi-
zation," he told his brother. "I will go to Grande
Terre and make arrangements to handle their
prizes. I may remain to direct their operations.
You will stay in New Orleans as business agent."

He journeyed two days by pirogue through
winding, snake-ridden bayous, across desolate
swamps where egrets swooped like ghosts until he
arrived at the open Bay. There were about six
hundred desperadoes on Grande Terre: French-
men, Italians, Portuguese, New Englanders,
Dutch outcasts from Santo Domingo and Guade-
loupe and "free men of color." Men who lived by
danger, who killed as easily as they drank the
fiery rum they stole; men who sailed the Gulf
to plunder and returned to Grande Terre to throw
away their gains in gambling, carousing, dalli-
ance with the dark-eyed, impudent wenches who
swaggered the sandy beach in flamboyant silks.
There had been trouble between the privateers
and the fishermen whom they had robbed of their
land. But Lafitte's arrival put a stop to that.
Most of them had heard of him. His
reputation as an agent was established and his
background as implacable pirate gave him tre-
mendous prestige. He was a tall man, well over
six feet, dark haired, unsmiling, with a cold eye
that demanded obedience. Before long the hard-
bitten roasting rovers had chosen the immaculate,
dark-clothed elegant "boss," or leader.

He formed a kind of trust—a racket. He never
permitted himself to be called pirate. He admitted
quite frankly that he was a smuggler, but he
claimed that the seizures of ships by authority of
his letters of marque were legitimate.

His fame grew and resounded over the Carib-
bean. To him came Dominique You, swarthy,
wall-eyed native of Santo Domingo, ex-cannoneer
of Napoleon, privateer dreading all along the Span-
ish Man for his daring exploits. Within a year he
was Lafitte's chief and most trusted lieutenant. The
colony attracted desperadoes from the seven seas:
Vincent Gambi, surly, hot tempered Italian pirate,
scar-faced Chigizola, nicknamed "Cut Nose" for
his saber slashed proboscis; Captain William
Mitchell who tried to be a second Lafitte and

hanged for it; and Rene Beluche, another attill-
man, also to be an important officer in Lafitte's
colony.

By this time he was a power in the land. He
lived in both Grande Terre and New Orleans. In
the latter he was a pleasant, smooth-spoken man-
about-town; he patronized balls, cafes, routs and
receptions, he was a guest in the best homes—
mostly of his clients. But on Grande Terre he was
a dictator, a cool headed leader of desperadoes who
kept the men in subjection by nothing more than
his deadly quiet. He built a great house there of
brick to keep it cool against the blistering Gulf sun.
It was furnished with the finest pieces; plate and
equipment would have done credit to a Parisian
palace; in fact, many of the articles with which it
was appointed had been intended for the palaces
of European grandees.

He ordered that all Grande Terre vessels must
hold Cartagenaian letters of marque, which he
issued and which permitted them to war against
Spanish ships, but Spaniards only.

So Jean Lafitte lived, his great house sur-
rounded by the straw shacks of his followers. There
were cafes run by disabled privateersmen, hospi-
tals for the sick, gambling huts and inns for the
amusement of those who robbed at sea to be robbed
on shore. He had little personal dealings with his
men; he didn't care what they did as long as they
stayed within his laws and played square with him.
Occasionally he unbent and drank or gammed with
them.

On one such party a card was to be cut to decide
whether Lafitte or a brawny, tattooed seaman
should have a pile of doubloons that lay on the
table. Lafitte had won many such cuts and the
men about him were muttering suspiciously. As
he stretched forward his long white hand he saw
mugs pushed back and knives loosened in their
scabbards. Suddenly he straightened and a pistol
appeared as if by magic in his slim fingers.

"We'll find an outsider to cut the cards," he
declared.

One of the men remembered his daughter Marie,
living across the channel on Grande Isle. He was
sent to fetch her while Lafitte coolly watched the
gawling gang surrounding him. The child entered,

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Lafitte and his crew clearing the decks of the Indianman.

Old Print Showing Jean Lafitte Leading His Pirates to the Deck of a Rich East India Company Merchantman
and Turning the Cannon Upon the Crew—This Was Before the Arrival of the Two Piratical Brothers in America.

Because of the open mouth the ray looks as if used about something and flips its fins in a lebonair fashion.

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WHEN THE BUCCANEERS ROAMED THE SEAS

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quailing with fear at the tall, coldly smiling man and the scowling, ear-rings rattling opposite him. To nothing she cut the cards—their diamonds—in favor of Lafitte. He laughed and raked in the gold, fixing one decision to the child, who kept it until her death. He seemed to welcome such dramatic contretemps, seemed to enjoy placing himself in perils that he might demonstrate his coolness and fill the bulging, growing private purse with proper awe.

All this time there was some objection to Lafitte's order that only Spanish vessels could be attacked. There was a voice, safe in the Baratarian stronghold, for attacking every ship they saw.

"Only Spanish ships," said Lafitte with deadly quiet. All seemed to agree except Vincent Gombi the Italian.

"Prizes are prizes!" he spat. "Well take what we want."

He resigned from the council and gathered a group of Italians who were in the habit of meeting in his house across the island. Lafitte learned that he was plan-

ning revolt. Quietly he went to the Gombi house and as he entered the verandah, a mighty Italian, silk handkerchief about his head and great flashing rings in his ears, snatched a pistol and made for him.

"Gombi's pistol barked and the man dropped. In complete silence Lafitte turned his back on twenty pistols and strode back to his great house. In that silence the revolt died.

By this time dozens of ships lay in Barataria Bay. Pirates offered their prizes to him, accepting his low payments rather than trouble to take them to proper prize courts. As his fame grew so did his precautions. He built a fort below his house on a shell mound that gave it a commanding position. The fort faced the open Gulf to the south; to the north it commanded privateering vessels and smaller boats by which booty was transferred to the bay and hays to New Orleans. For years Lafitte kept the fort garrisoned although he had no occasion to use it.

By this time the authorities in

New Orleans were uneasy at the Jackson gang in Barataria Bay. Governor Claiborne decided to take action, but he was practically without support. Most of the leading merchants of the town were making enormous profits out of Lafitte's cheap smuggled goods. Claiborne owned the Governor's chief assistant and others equally important were open friends of Lafitte. They visited him at Grande Terre and invited him to their homes. Nevertheless Governor Claiborne wrote the following letter in September, 1819.

"You have no doubt heard of the late introduction of African slaves amongst us. Two large vessels have already been smuggled into this territory by the way of Barataria and Lafourche, and I am fully convinced from a variety of circumstances which have come to my knowledge that an extensive and well laid plan exists to evade or to defeat the operation of the Laws of the United States on that subject. The open and daring course which is now being pursued by a set of brigands which infest our coast and over-

run our country is calculated to excite the strongest indignation in the breast of every man who feels the slightest respect for the wise and politic institutions under which we live.

At this moment upwards of one hundred slaves are held by way of our own citizens in the very teeth of the most positive laws and notwithstanding every exertion that has been made so general seems to be the disposition to aid in the concealment that but faint hopes are entertained of detecting the parties and bringing them to punishment. I have thought it feasible to call upon you to use all the means in your power to give efficacy to a system of law founded on the purest principles of humanity and the soundest views of enlightened policy.

But the letter seemed to have little effect.

Vessels clearing out of New Orleans," said a Treasury Department communication, "have been captured and every sold smuggled."

In 1812 Lafitte established a branch station known as the Temple, a shell mound covered with sails, to the west of Lake Barataria. There he held auctions that were attended by the merchants of New Orleans, sometimes selling as many as four hundred slaves in a single day. Some of his vessels went by way of Bayou Lafourche and came out in the Mississippi north of New Orleans, and there, in the town of Donaldson, another Lafitte headquarters was established where all manner of smuggled goods were offered for sale.

And Grande Terre became a very hell of lawlessness. Visitors from New Orleans came to join its secret orgies, fights between smugglers and their patrons were frequent. Many a time the clean white sand was required to conceal the stain of murder in the sun-soaked island. Here Lafitte fought four duels until his prowess as a swordsman caused even the toughest pirate to hesitate before confronting him.

BUT Governor Claiborne was a persistent man. A troop of dragoons under Captain Andrew Hunter Holmes was sent in boats down the bayous to Grande Terre. Jean Lafitte laughed at them; he knew every passage in the Delta. It was impossible for forty dragoons to blockade Barataria and for several months the troops were easily dodged until one night the smugglers were careless.

Two of them were traveling by pirogue toward New Orleans with a small load of contraband. They were slipping down a dark and silent bayou. Frogs were croaking and the musky stink of an alligator permeated the mist. Suddenly a challenge rang out.

"Halt! Who goes there?" Frantically the smugglers dug in their paddles. There was another halt.

"Halt, or we fire!" They were close to the mangrove roots. Then a musket banged and a bullet plunked into the water beside them. They stopped and a boat filled with dragoons crunched alongside.

"Where's Lafitte?" demanded the sergeant in charge.

"Don't know him," snarled the prisoners.

But Holmes was clever. He confiscated the contraband and set the men free. They returned to their headquarters jubilant at their escape.

"The fools just took the goods and let us go," they jeered.

This action gave the smugglers more confidence. A few nights later five armed skiffs and pirogues sailed from the Temple laden with cinnamon and other booty. Pierre and Jean Lafitte were in the party and they made good time, not bothering about concealing since the dragoons were supposed to be thirty miles away. It was moonlight and the boats sailed easily. One of the smugglers was whining a song to a mandolin and all was peace. Then a fleet of small boats shot out of the inky shadows ahead.

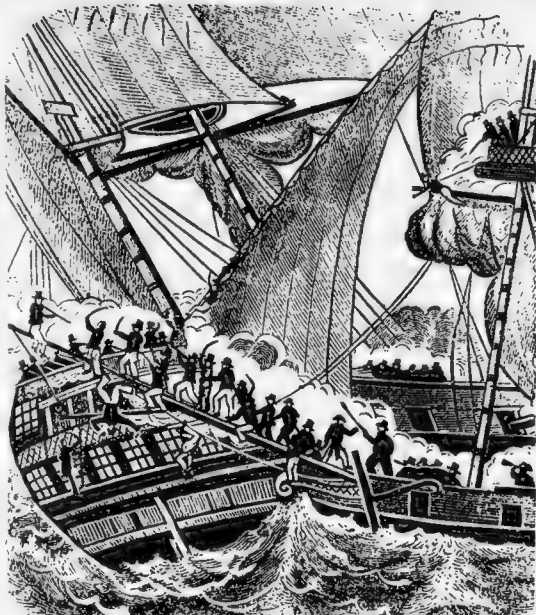
"Halt!" came Holmes' voice.

The Baratarians fled in wild confusion. There was not much wind and their paddles churned the black water desperately. Holmes' boat was overhauling them. Suddenly, Jean Lafitte stood up.

"What boat is that?" he called.

"United States schooner," answered the dragoon.

"Come nearer and we'll fire into you," Lafitte announced clearly. But the troops came on. When Lafitte saw the white facings of Holmes' uniform and the leveled muskets of his men he ordered his smugglers to save themselves. But Holmes acted quickly. He ordered all his boats save one to land. His own boat guarded the smugglers' escape by water. In wild disorder Lafitte's men turned inland but left at fifteen



Old Old Woodcut of the Fight Between Lafitte and the Queen East Indianman. The Legend Reads "Lafitte's Pirates Boarding the Queen."

musket levelled in their faces. "All right," said Jean. "We surrender."

But one boat still tried to get away. A government boat rowed after it in the darkness. There was a volley of shots, a chorus of yells. The boat was towed back with one dead and two wounded smugglers lying in the bottom.

The contraband amounted to over four thousand dollars, an important confiscation in those days, and twenty-five prisoners were taken to New Orleans. But the Lafittes did not remain in prison. In a few days bail was paid and Jean was striding calmly about the cafes and public houses of the city.

By now he was a popular figure. Men admired his coolness, women his elegant dress and bravery. He was a sort of Robin Hood, dangerous, exciting, engaged in a popular though illegal sport which brought fine wines, lovely silks and much amusement to the cafe society of the period.

Then he returned to Grande Terre and smuggling was resumed. The Temple was the principal market for those intent on buying a huddle of slaves from the Gulf blackbirders. Jean Lafitte strolled the leafy squares of New Orleans, drinking with friends,

bowing to indignant officials and behaving much as if he owned the place. Governor Claiborne demanded that Federal troops be sent to destroy the stronghold at Barataria. But when troops got there they found the island deserted, the warehouses empty. They raided the Temple only to learn that Lafitte's spies had warned him and that he had switched his activities to Donaldson.

When Congress declared war on Great Britain it became more difficult for the Governor to take action against the pirates; all his men and money were required for defense against the enemy who were blockading every American seaport. In October a small force of dragoons surprised a Lafitte party just outside New Orleans, but they were beaten off with heavy losses. This was too much for the Governor. He caused to be presented the following proclamation.

"I do solemnly caution all and against giving any succor to the said Jean Lafitte and his associates, but to be aiding and abetting in arresting him and them, and all others in like manner offending, and do furthermore, in the name of the State

offer a reward of \$500.00, which will be paid out of the Treasury to any person delivering the said Jean Lafitte to the Sheriff of the Parish of New Orleans, or to any Sheriff in the State, so that the said Jean Lafitte may be brought to justice."

The above was posted in prominent places about the city. But in two days another proclamation appeared beside the first, a notice signed by Jean Lafitte, which offered a reward of \$1500.00, for the arrest and delivery in Grande Terre of Governor William Charles Cade Claiborne.

Everyone howled with laughter. Every customer visiting the headquarters told of the effect of Lafitte's proclamation and guffawed at the Governor's rage. Lafitte decided on a bolder insult. Suddenly there appeared in every coffee house and bar in the city hundreds of handbills advertising the auction of four hundred and fifteen prime slaves and a large supply of imported goods which would be put on the block at the Temple on January 20th.

The Crookes were delighted at his Gallic impudence and thousands turned out to watch the fun.

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A SPECIAL ALASKA magazine, *CAIRN*, of Paris are, they frequently resort to old ideas for "new" vogues in feminine headgear. They frankly admit that it is impossible to keep on, season after season, concocting a *chapeaux* which haven't been popular at some time in the past.

In the busy ateliers of Parisian milliners there are shelves of illustrated books showing the headpieces that women—and men, too—have worn for centuries. These style libraries are so complete they even include the temples worn by the citizens of Egypt in the time of the Pharaohs and of the Mediterranean world during the golden age of Greece and the reign of the Caesars.

This voluminous source of inspiration for modern hat styles includes every type of headpiece worn in Europe during the Middle Ages. From the simple "Juliet cap" of Fifteenth Century Italy to the elaborate creations of velvet and feathers that were the last word in the courts of the British and French kings generations later, the record has been preserved.

Now and then the hat-makers openly "steal" some old-fashioned style with no attempt to give this style a modern twist for women of the present day. One hat style that is not even an adaptation but duplicates all-time vogue is shown in the photograph at the left. It is the familiar and becoming Scotch bonnet.

The pike-shaped hats of the "beefeaters" who guard the Tower of London have also been appropriated by milliners for the world's womenfolk.

As one of the leading modistes of the French capital put it:

"It must be apparent to anyone at all familiar with the history of the British Isles, that milliners stole these styles from men. It so happens that the Scotch cap is becoming to all most every type of feminine face and that the beaver's hat has a certain medieval chic."

These are not the only examples of masculine contribution to feminine fashion. At least twice during the last generation the fuzzy bushy, that towering, bearded top-piece worn by the soldiers of the British Royal Guard, has been the model for women's hats of similar design. And the military helmet with a festoon of feathers has been more frequently copied.

Even the big-voiced caps of the race track jockeys have been the masculine inspiration for styles of hats that women adored. Europe and America were quite jointly as something entirely "new" in the field of feminine head-gear.

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One member of the family, a Minnie Whitefield—died in Canada a few years ago. She was one of the few women in the world who ever had three sets of twins in a row. In order not to break the strange string of coincidences this woman had one set of boy twins on a Friday and one set of twin girls on a Thursday. The third set of twins consisted of a boy and a girl. Believe it or not, the family Bible records that the stark delivered the girl late one Thursday night and waited until early Friday morning before presenting the household with the boy twin.

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that Saturday morning, Lafitte appeared with his slaves and contrabands as the British and Americans were about to start a hard-fought battle and looking for a fight.

Apparently the British were not prepared to receive a surprise attack from the south, and the British Contrabands, who were not used to the heat of the day, were not prepared to receive a surprise attack from the south.

Lafitte's attack was a surprise, and the British Contrabands were not prepared to receive a surprise attack from the south.

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W. C. Claiborne of Louisiana

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The officers hid their astonishment which increased as they entered into the luxuriously appointed barge. They were very much surprised, as they thought, to find the British Contrabands in the barge.

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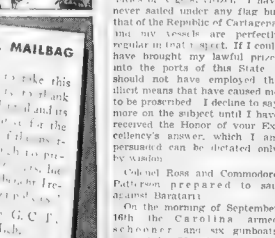
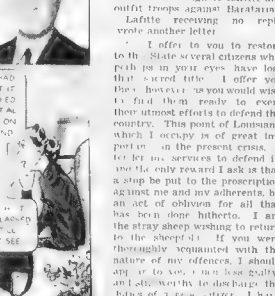
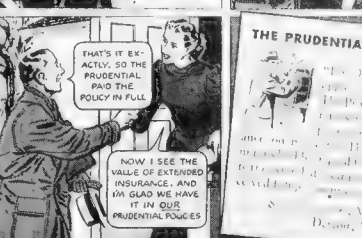
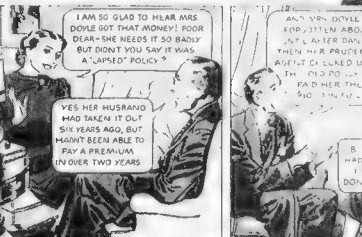
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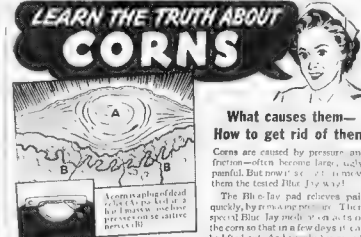
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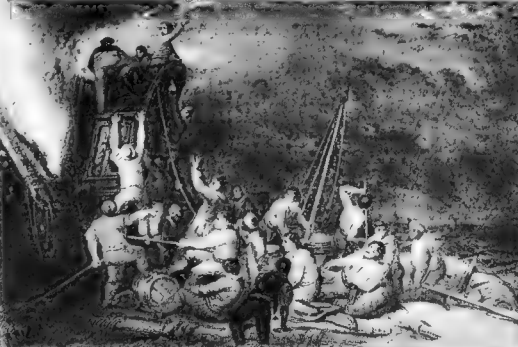
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Under the Murderous Jolly Roger

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Wounded Survivors of a Ship Scuttled and Set on Fire by Pirates, Attempting to Escape on a Life Boat as Depicted in an Old Painting. (Luttrell Service)

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A black and white illustration of a group of people riding a long, low-profile bicycle or velocipede. The vehicle has two large wheels and a long frame with multiple seats. Several people are seated on it, including men in top hats and women in period clothing. They are riding on a path with trees in the background.

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"YES, we use some bananas" in these United States, where they are high-ranking fruit, not only for the small boy and his granddaddy, but also for the housewife who is rapidly learning to more fully appreciate this richly nutritious tropical fruit from the culinary viewpoint.

In popular parlance called "banana boats," busy little ships ply their weekly voyages between New York City and such Caribbean points as Cuba, the lovely flower-garlanded island of Jamaica, and that last jumping-off-place of banana land—Cebu. This latter-named stop is located (for those who recall their geography and map of North America), below the prevailing "bump" or "hump" on the map which juts out from Honduras—colorful, picturesque, and melanotic paradise of bananas, coconuts and monkeys.

Cebu is a company-controlled port where the banana industry is king. As the boat draws near to the dock, the passenger is faced with the huge derricks or conveyors into whose revolving drums is carefully placed each banana "stem" (bunch to you) by ebony-skinned Negrinos whose continuous walk to-and-fro from the conveyor has all the repeated rhythm of the Congo.

Up to the very tip of the dock landing, where and puff the tiny toy engines burning with their green fire. No sooner stall, than the fruit is chained, one "stem" or bunch going to each worker, who walks with it on his shoulder to the engine belt conveyor. On and in—and then quickly down to the refrigerated hold, where hatch is later fastened down securely, not to be again opened until the ship docks once more in the home port.

A cargo of 23,000 stems is only half a usual cargo to these boats, which also carry grapefruit and other tropical produce. Since there are about 30 bananas to each stem, it is easy to see the enormous output of a banana plantation in full bearing.

Passengers on these boats are taken on this same toy railway about an hour inland from Cebu, where they pass through un-cleared jungle to the banana plantations along the river. A banana tree like a coconut tree, has the conventional tropical foliage—a "cut" or "notched" leaf which an all-wise Nature has thus made to allow it to withstand tropical rains and storms



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BANANAS—The All-Food Fruit

By Mrs. Christine Frederick,
The Distinguished Authority on Household Efficiency.

which the fruit-man hangs up the bunch to his ceiling.

Beautiful as the morning is in a banana plantation, each tree spaced about 18 feet apart. In rows, with the sharp violet-ray sunshine falling down between and casting straight oblique shadows which any photographer might envy. Once planted, the black man and the white, alike, leave all the rest to Nature, and all that is needed is a wide and dangerous-appearing machete with which to cut down the ripened fruit in a single quick stroke. Hot, moist, conservatory climate does the rest—and ripe bananas practically fall down onto every table in the tropics.

Quite naturally, with all this intense sun-rayed growth, the fruit is high in vitamins. And banana starch is easily digested, almost pre-digested, requiring little or no cooking. For those who like their figures it may be mentioned that 1 large banana contains, peeled, about 19 per cent of total sugars, 13 protein, 5 fat, 8 ash, and such minerals as calcium, iron and phosphorus. All this is carried in a fruit giving 75.5 moisture, or a calorie value of ninety-five.

How best to buy bananas in more northern latitudes? In the tropics this wholesome fruit is regarded far more as a vegetable, to be cooked when green, and hence with increased sugar and sweet taste. When the fruit is yellow with slightly green tip is a good time to cook as a mashed potato, or bake as an unweird entrée.

When the writer interviewed an elderly guide on one of these plantations he replied that a familiar way for the natives to prepare them was the following: Place green fruit under water and peel with silver knife. Take peeled fruit and drop into boiling salted water, and cook exactly as we do potatoes. Mash, add butter, and use as vegetable with meats.

Another man who had lived long in tropical countries said that he preferred this method. Use green bananas, peel, and place on fireproof baking dish. Mash depression along top of fruit and fill with grated sharp cheese, such as Parmesan. Dot

with butter, and bake in moderate oven, as an entree or main dish.

For accompaniment to ham and for broiling with other meats, select this green or yellow-fruit, green-tip fruit which is more firm and less likely to break during cooking. When the fruit is all yellow it is good to eat out-of-hand, or for desserts. When the skin freckles with brown dots it is fully matured and is at its best for use in fruit cups, banana milk shakes and for salads.

One of the most popular cold weather uses of the banana is fried-fat-ripped, or pan-fried in fritters, scallops or other batter mixtures. To prepare the banana scallops, which are excellent with any meats, proceed as follows: Cut fruit into pieces 1 inch long and dip in beaten egg. Drain, and roll in crumbs or rolled flaked corn. Fry in deep hot oil (375 degrees) for 2 minutes. Drain bananas, serve immediately with mashed, baked slices, chops, etc.

Baked bananas seem unknown to many, whereas this is one of the most delicious and inexpensive desserts: Peel semi-ripe fruits and slice in half lengthwise. Dot with butter and sprinkle with lemon juice. Dot with currant jelly, or guava jelly, and add small amount of water to baking pan. Bake in a moderate oven about 20 minutes or until tender. Serve hot or cold. Some persons like grated nuts, particularly blanched almonds sprinkled on top, with a spoon of whipped cream.

Here are additional recipes for using this fruit in delectable ways. The first recipe is a novelty that all housewives will delight to serve at their next buffet supper or Sunday night tea.

Banana Ham Rolls: Cream 2

tablespoons butter with 2 teaspoons prepared mustard until well blended. Spread mixture on sliced boiled ham (12 slices). Roll each ham slice around 1 peeled banana, fastening in place with small skewers. Place in greased baking platter, and pour over a well-blended cheese sauce. Bake 25 minutes in a moderate oven (350 degrees) until tender. Serve with cheese sauce poured over each "roll." May be served with mustard and pickle relish.

Many usual recipes for muffins, biscuits, waffles and other heavy breads may have the pleasing addition of mashed banana pulp for a different new flavor and higher nutrition. Children love everything which is bananaized, so try one of these on the family in the near future.

Banana Whole Wheat Muffins: Make up any usual muffin recipe using soda and sour milk. Add mashed ripe banana pulp, or 1 cup thirty-second banana.

Banana Waffles: Add 1½ cups finely-diced ripe bananas to usual six-waffle recipe.

Banana Chicken Salad: Combine diced cooked chicken, diced bananas and pineapple with dried celery and sliced onions. Toss lightly in salad dressing well mixed, and serve on lettuce hearts.

Banana School Lunch or Tea Bread: Add 1 cup mashed banana to any quick bread recipe, using whole wheat flour, and adding raisins or nuts.

Banana Salmon Saturated Salad: Combine 1½ cups flaked canned salmon, ½ cup diced pineapple, 1 cup sliced banana, ½ cup diced celery, with mayonnaise blended with mustard and highly seasoned. Serve on lettuce with lemon slices.

—a complete lunch on one plate.

Amanack Echoes

WANTS "REQUEST RECIPES"

Dear Almanack:
The Almanack gets better and better. In fact we have changed our subscription to a paper that has a Sunday Feature just on that account.

I have tried dozens of the recipes, but I think my favorite of all is the Verifuffy Chocolate Cake.

That is a cake. And I wish the German lady who sent the Maltshen recipe would add in some more old German recipes. So many of us like them and they are hard to find in ordinary cook books. (Dear Mrs. Bruce: How about this?)

The new Hints column is fine. I have a suggestion for one more addition I would like to see in the Almanack, and then I think it would be perfect. Couldn't you have a column for request recipes? That is, a column where readers could write and ask for a certain recipe and other readers who might have it could answer? I'm afraid I haven't stated that very well. But for example: There is an old recipe called Palillitas that I have been trying to get for the past two years. The lady I know who used to make them died, and I can find no one who knows the recipe. It is possible—even probable—that in the vast army of Almanack readers there is someone who knows the recipe.

A friend of mine is searching for someone who knows the recipe for a cookie called Lemon Squares; another is trying to find someone who knows how to make Jewish chopped liver. Don't you think it would be both interesting and helpful?

Mrs. William Kilsberg, 600 College Avenue, Santa Rosa, California.

(As suggested in your fine letter, a recipe column is so essential that Mrs. Kilsberg, Space permitting, we may do this one day. Perhaps behind scenes you'd be amazed at the number of requests for recipes which the Almanack Dept. daily file by mail to readers throughout the country. Each day, we get out the equivalent of several Almanacs in response to these numerous requests. The Editor.)

ENGLISH ALMOND TOFFY

1 cup butter
1 cup sugar
1 cup blanched almonds
½ cup sweet chocolate
½ cup chopped pecans
Slowly melt butter in a heavy bottom kettle, add sugar and almonds, turn up the heat and stir until well mixed, then stir with an upward and over motion until almonds are toasted and candy is a toffy color; will take from 8 to 10 minutes. Pour into an ungreased 10 x 8 inch pan, cover with sweet grated chocolate and then sprinkle chopped pecans on top, cool, cut in squares. The chocolate will melt and can be spread over the entire surface.

Mrs. Eva Gierhahn, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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and in those in a jiffy. Be sure to keep it in a cool place, if there is any left to keep. —Mrs. Lee Swanwick

SPINACH DUMPLINGS

2 cups cooked spinach
1 teaspoon salt
Dash of pepper
2 teaspoons grated onion
3 tablespoons butter
2 eggs
½ cup flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
1½ cups bread crumbs
Combine spinach, salt, pepper,

onion and butter. Beat eggs slightly, and add to spinach mixture, mix well. Sift flour and baking powder and mix with the bread crumbs. Add the dry ingredients to spinach mixture and stir lightly. Drop by tablespoons into steamer or on rack over hot water; cover and let steam 10 minutes.

Mrs. Lulu K. Haupt, Los Angeles, Calif. (Mrs. Haupt, we are very grateful to you for this "Almanack" recipe.—Mrs. Lee Swanwick)

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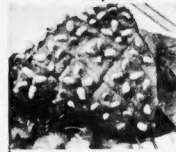
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THE AMERICAN WEEKLY HOUSEWIFE'S FOOD ALMANACK

By HOWARD DALE HINSON, Los Angeles, Calif.

ARE you giving a very special dinner, and are you a little uncertain what menu would please your guest of honor? Calm your fears, modern hostess; just get his birth month, for the zodiacal sign under which he was born will denote his taste in food, even to the caviar and the fruit glass. Necessity gave birth to a new selectivity in menu planning and here is a new astrological key to help the ultra modern hostess in her party mood.

ARIES
Suppose your first dinner guest is an Aries subject, born somewhere between March 21st to April 21st. He will be pleased with a fancy mixed grill that includes a lamb chop, veal kidney, sausage, mushrooms and bacon. This can be served with tomatoes and sweet potatoes and a light salad. A nippy canape and a tart dessert will complete an enjoyable meal. The Aries guest will appreciate his food served piping hot, with no delay between conversation while dining. Remember, his appetite is keen, so serve early and promptly.

TAUROS
An entirely different mood is established when you entertain a Taurus, born from April 21st to May 22nd. The Taurus enjoys eating and prefers a leisurely meal. The service should be orderly with plenty of time

MENUS A LA ZODIAC



Howard Dale Hinson, Los Angeles, Calif., Author, Has a Theory That No Hostess Need Worry About What to Serve Her Guest If She Knows His Birth Date. Whether Or Not You Believe in Astrology There Are Many Ideas for Varied Menus in the Accompanying Article.—The Editor.

reserved for conversation. Many consider themselves connoisseurs where food is concerned.

GEMINI
Should the hostess find her expectant guest to be a Gemini, born between May 22nd and June 22nd, she need not worry about preparing a fancy dinner. Members of this astrological group are easy to please and are usually lighter eaters. The hostess should fortify herself with witicism and be prepared with

intellectual stimulants, as a Gemini considers social intercourse to be the essential point of a dinner.

A fruit juice cocktail, a generous leafy salad, followed by lamb or veal chops, with a baked potato. Frozen desserts offer a variety of choice.

CANCER
The Cancer guest, born between June 22nd and July 23rd will like a rich and well seasoned meal.

Serve a jellied consommé, breast of chicken under glass. Engage on toast, ham and creamed mushrooms. The Cancer guest likes a richer dessert. His sweet tooth can be happily gratified with a Bavarian cream.

Table service should be elaborate as circumstances will permit. The inclusion of antique china or rare silver will not pass unnoticed.

LEO
The sign of Leo rules those born from July 23rd to August 23rd, and the hostess has two important rules to remember in planning a dinner for this guest. Simplicity and quality, is to the Leo subject, the keynote of successful dining.

A tomato juice cocktail will suffice as an appetizer. A special cut, broiled Delmonico steak, fresh baked string beans, an Idaho baked potato and mixed green salad. Instead of dessert, an imported cheese served with the coffee will be appreciated.

Keep the conversation jovial and light, relate an amusing episode to establish the party spirit. Your Leo guest will be gaily, make him laugh and you will have won an admirer.

VIRGO
A hostess will find members of the next birthdate group quite sensitive in their selection of food. People born between August 23rd to September 23rd.

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Dumas Presented the French Taux of Canailion With a Set of His Works on Condition That Each Year It Would Send Him Some of Its Famous Melons.



"DIFFERENT" CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE

IT CAN BE MADE WITHOUT CABBAGE, TOO

"It is in the usual manner—sliced or hashed," writes Mrs. J. A. Peniston, Ada, Oklahoma. "I decided to experiment, and the result—well, we all think it's grand."

1 can corned beef
2 cups sliced cooked potatoes
1 small head cooked cabbage, chopped coarsely
1 small can tomatoes (drain off part of liquid as dish won't be too soupy)
"Chop corned beef coarsely. Cover the bottom of a baking dish with a layer of the meat. Alternately add a layer of potatoes, cabbage and tomatoes. Sprinkle with pepper over them. Continue alternating in this order till all the ingredients are used. Sprinkle the bread crumbs and cheese on top and bake in moderate oven till crumbs are evenly browned. If you don't like cabbage, omit it. You still have an appetizing dish."

(Mrs. Peniston, we are delighted to award a prize for this nourishing and temperate happy recipe. We suggest that you sample your dish for us when we visit it out in the Test Kitchen. They all liked it and asked for the recipe. That is the highest praise, it seems to me. One woman suggested that she would prefer to use strained thick tomato pulp because she didn't like the tomato seeds. However, that is a matter of taste.—Mary Lee Swann.)

The Ancient Egyptians Eat Pork Only During the Full Moon. The Pious, Not Being Able to Afford Pigs, Made Cakes of Dough in Their Shape.



SCOTCH GINGER-BREAD

GRANDMA SERVED IT WITH HER TEA

"This gingerbread is not the light and spongy kind, no indeed," writes Mae H. Smith, New Dorp, Staten Island, New York. "It is even more delicious. It cuts down like a cheese cake and makes it just as grand as a cake when 60 years ago." "Fill a large deep pan with sifted flour, making a deep depression in the flour. To one quart flour add one cup white granulated sugar, one teaspoon salt and clove, and cinnamon to taste. Sift. Mix one cup shortening (not butter), cool slightly and add to one cup molasses."

"Beat well. Stir one teaspoon baking soda into one cup buttermilk and sour milk. Add milk to molasses mixture. Now beat until depression in flour is big pan. Add enough flour until mixture may be taken out by hand and moulded into hot dripping pan. Use the 16 by 24-inch pan. Bake in slow oven. When slightly cooled, cover with thick layer of any cream cheese and serve cut into squares."

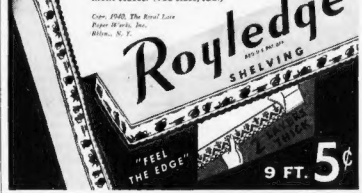
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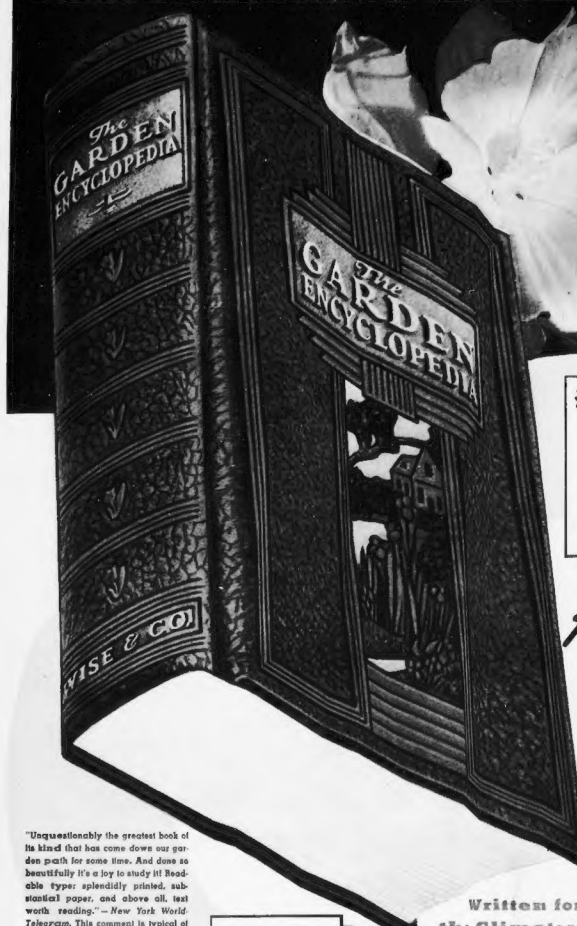
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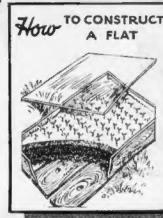
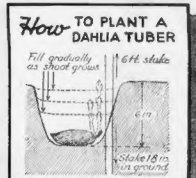
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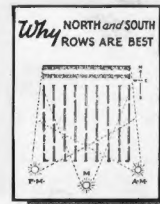
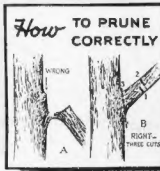
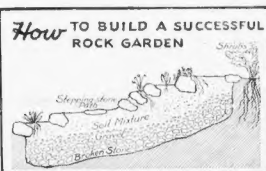
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